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Adversaries on the horizon

Alaska base plays big role in pivot to Russia, China

BY DAN LAMOTHE
The Washington Post

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT OVER ALASKA — Lt. Col. Jason Monaco soared six miles above lush wilderness, his fighter jet streaking across the icy blue sky. He banked his two-seat F-16D to the right, shooting around an eight-jet formation maneuvering against him and his fellow pilots.

Gazing through a dark visor, he glimpsed his adversary's jet for the first time.

Then, bad news.

"Well," he said, "we just died."

Sporting a gray helmet with distinctive five-pointed red stars on each side symbolizing communism, Monaco looked like he could have

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Air Force Lt. Col. Jason Monaco's helmet sports the distinctive star of a communist nation as he flies an F-16D jet during training missions, a nod toward his unit's role in replicating the threat of potential adversaries.

DAN LAMOTHE/Washington Post

VIRUS OUTBREAK

European leaders: We can't wait for vaccine to relax controls

BY COLLEEN BARRY, PABLO GORONDI
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Associated Press

SOAVE, Italy — In separate, stark warnings, two major European leaders have bluntly told their citizens that the world needs to adapt to living with the coronavirus and cannot wait to be saved by the development of a vaccine.

The comments by Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte and British Prime Minister Boris

'We have to acknowledge we may need to live with this virus for some time to come.'

Boris Johnson
British Prime Minister

Johnson came as nations around the world and U.S. states are both struggling with restarting economies blindsided by the pandemic. With 36 million newly unemployed in the U.S. alone, economic pressures are building even as authorities acknowledge that reopening risks new waves of infections and deaths.

Pushed hard by Italy's regional leaders and weeks in advance of an earlier timetable, Conte is allowing restaurants, bars and beach facilities to open Monday, the same day that church services

can resume and shops reopen.

"We are facing a calculated risk, in the awareness ... that the epidemiological curve could go back up," Conte said late Saturday. "We are confronting this risk, and we need to accept it, otherwise we would never be able to relaunch."

Conte added that Italy could "not afford" to wait until a vaccine was developed. Health experts say the world could be months, if not years, away

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

US layoffs hit record high of 11.4M in March

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. layoffs soared in March to a record 11.4 million after state and local governments closed restaurants, bars, movie theaters and other nonessential businesses in response to the intensifying coronavirus outbreak.

The Labor Department also said Friday that job openings plunged and hiring fell, though those changes weren't nearly as

dramatic as layoffs, which rose more than six-fold. The number of open jobs dropped nearly 12%, to 6.2 million. The number of hires declined 13%, to 5.2 million.

New data is revealing how the severity of this downturn has skewed the nature of U.S. recessions. In the pandemic, the layoffs have been immediate and massive.

"Workers lost jobs at a horrifying rate," said Nick Bunker, director of research at Indeed, the job listings website. "Employ-

ers led with layoffs and hiring slowed, but not as dramatically as one might have expected."

The fact that job openings and hiring did not fall more in March suggested companies held out hope that the recession would be brief, and that they would soon be able to return to previous job search and hiring plans. Data from job sites like Indeed, which are more current, indicated that job openings fell further in April, a sign that businesses are bracing for a lengthier slowdown.

MONDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



WEATHER OUTLOOK

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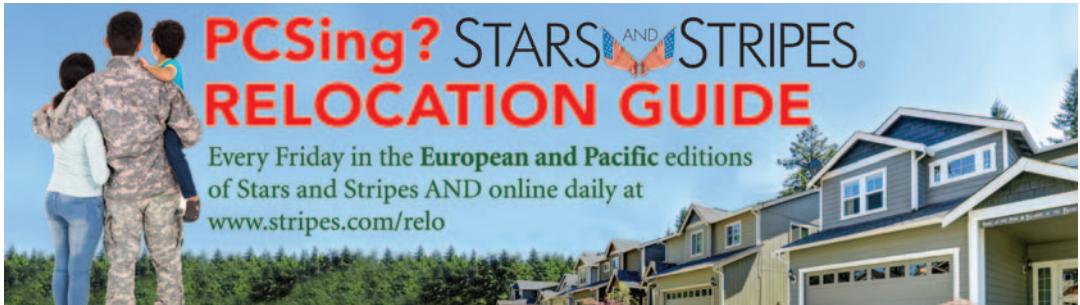
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EXCHANGE RATES

	Military rate	Commercial rates
Euro (cents) (May 18)	\$1.06	0.773
Dollar (cents) (May 18)	\$0.8992	0.773
British pound (May 18)	\$1.19	0.773
Japanese yen (May 18)	104.00	0.773
South Korean won (May 18)	1,198.00	0.773
		(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, France, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), please contact your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to U.S. dollars, except for the euro, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)
Bahrain (Dinar)	\$0.3773	
British pound	\$1.2118	
Chinese yuan (May 18)	1.08	
China (Yuan)	7,1021	
Denmark (Krone)	6.8938	
Egypt (Pound)	15.7407	
Euro (May 18)	\$0.814/0.8145	
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7515	
Hungary (Forint)	328.05	
Iceland (Icelandic króna)	317.95	
Japan (Yen)	107.28	
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.3929	
Norway (Krone)	10,2341	
Poland (Zlote)	4.22	
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7566	
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4271	
South Korea (Won)	1,232.50	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	0.25
Discount rate	0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.05
3-month bill	0.12
30-year bond	1.32



MILITARY

USAF reservist qualifies to fly U-2 spy plane

By CHAD GARLAND
Stars and Stripes

An Air Force reservist has qualified for the first time to fly the U-2 Dragon Lady, becoming one of fewer than 1,500 people to pilot the iconic spy plane.

Maj. Jeffrey Anderson, a former active-duty U-2 pilot who switched to the reserves more than two years ago, took a break from flying for Delta Air Lines to requalify on the aircraft, considered among the hardest in the world to fly.

"This is truly amazing," Anderson said in an Air Force statement last week.

Officials at the 9th Reconnaissance Wing out of Beale Air Force Base, Calif., where the aircraft are based, hope to qualify more reservists in the coming years to help address pilot shortages in the service.

"It's really exciting to have the first qualified reserve pilot in U-2 and Air Force history pave the way for other reservists to fly," said Lt. Col. Chris Mundy, commander of the 99th Reconnaissance Squadron, which trained Anderson.

In March, the service was about 2,000 pilots short of the 21,000 it needs to meet its requirements, said Gen. David Goldfein, the Air Force's top officer.

Since then, officials have expressed concerns that the coronavirus pandemic could deepen the shortfall, which was first caused mainly by competition from air-

lines offering high-paying jobs.

The U-2 pilot corps has lost "a fair amount" of its experienced personnel, but while many of them have switched to the reserves, "we just haven't had an avenue to train them up to fly the aircraft until now," Mundy said in a video Wednesday.

The high-flying single-engine jet, which entered service more than 60 years ago during the Cold War, is unique in the service. The Air Force has 33 airframes in its inventory.

Developed at the Lockheed Skunk Works in Burbank, Calif., the secretive facility that also gave the world the SR-71 Blackbird, B-2 Spirit stealth bomber and F-117 Night Hawk stealth fighter, the Dragon Lady flew its early sorties spying on the Soviet Union. Those included getting photographic evidence in 1962 of a Soviet nuclear missile buildup on America's southern doorstep, which sparked the Cuban Missile Crisis.

In 1960, the shootdown of a U-2 on a CIA reconnaissance mission over Russia resulted in the capture of pilot Francis Gary Powers and the Soviet recovery of a nearly intact aircraft.

Due in part to its glider-like

long and thin wings, the aircraft flies at the upper edge of the atmosphere to gather imagery and signals intelligence. It's routinely flown at altitudes over 13 miles high, requiring pilots to wear pressurized space suits.

The plane's tricky low-altitude



COLVILLE McFEE/U.S. Air Force

Air Force Maj. Jeffrey Anderson, 99th Reconnaissance Squadron pilot, receives U-2 suit preparations at Beale Air Force Base, Calif., on May 5.

'This is truly amazing.'

Maj. Jeffrey Anderson
Air Force reservist

handling, bicycle-like landing gear, long forward nose and "tail-dragger" configuration make it particularly difficult to land, the Air Force said in a fact sheet.

The modern U-2 program is open to military pilots from every flying background and even transferred from the Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, an online application says.

While Anderson flew U-2s for four years on active duty, he was in a nonflying position in the reserves and didn't think he'd ever fly it again.

"When I flew my last mis-

sion, it was sad," Anderson said. "It was the right decision for my family to commit to the reserves and hadn't have a slight thought of being back here."

Before getting back into the U-2's cockpit, he trained extensively. Preparation typically lasts nine months and involves survival training, flights in T-38 Talon trainers and flight simulators, the Air Force has said.

Anderson has completed all his "checkrides" and would be able to fly missions downrange, Mundy said.

"Now that we've done this once, we know how the process works," Mundy said. "I think in the next few years we will be seeing more reserve pilots flying the U-2 program, maybe as many as two to three a year."

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Fighter pilot nominated to lead Pacific Air Forces

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Stars and Stripes

The deputy commander of U.S. forces in South Korea and a seasoned fighter-jet pilot has been tapped to lead Pacific Air Forces and its roughly 46,000 airmen.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach has been nominated by President Donald Trump for a fourth star and leadership of Pacific Air Forces, which is headquartered at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, the Air Force said in a statement Thursday.



Wilsbach

The nomination requires confirmation by the Senate.

The command is now headed by Gen. Charles Brown Jr., who has been nominated for Air Force chief of staff.

If confirmed, Wilsbach would oversee a vast geographical area with airmen stationed primarily in Japan, South Korea, Hawaii, Alaska and Guam.

He would take command at a time when U.S. strategy is shifting away from a focus on counterinsurgency and toward "great power" competition, primarily with China.

Brown has begun implementing the Air Force's new "dynamic force employment model" in the Indo-Pacific region, under which strategic bombers operate from a broader array of locations, both on the continental United States and overseas.

The model makes operational the National Defense Strategy's objectives of "strategic predictability and operational unpredictability," the Air Force said.

Wilsbach has been commander of 7th Air Force and deputy commander of U.S. Forces Korea since August 2018.

Prior to that, he headed Alaska Command and the 11th Air Force.

Wilsbach is a highly experienced aviator who has logged more than 5,000 hours of flying time in a host of aircraft, primarily F-15C, F-22A, and F-16C fighter jets and the MC-12 twin-engine turboprop, the Air Force said.

He has flown 71 combat missions in operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch, which enforced no-fly zones in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's regime, and Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

He has commanded a fighter squadron, an operations group and two wings and has held staff assignments in Japan, Hawaii and Florida. Among his awards and decorations are the Bronze Star and Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters.

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Army-funded rover could help explore space

By J.P. LAWRENCE
Stars and Stripes

A robot developed with Army funding could help NASA explore the moon, Mars or beyond.

The robot, known as the Mini Rover, can climb hills of loose sand without getting stuck by using wheels that can spin, wiggle and walk, an Army statement said.

Researchers at Georgia Tech made the Mini Rover using 3D printers, with help from the NASA Johnson Space Center and funding from the Army Research Office, the statement said.

The research could help NASA avoid the loss of rovers in extraterrestrial soil, such as when the Mars Rover Spirit got stuck in loose sand near the Erebus crater after its wheels lost traction in 2010.

Researchers said the Mini Rover can get out of similar jams by combining elements of both wheeled vehicles and legged robots.

The Army, which has spent much of the past few decades fighting in deserts, said the "le-



CHRISTOPHER MOORE/Georgia Tech

Researchers at Georgia Tech developed a robot in collaboration with NASA Johnson Space Center and funding from the Army Research Office, the Army said May 14.

sons learned" from the research interested them for potential applications on Earth.

In experiments, the Mini Rover traversed loose terrain — poppy seeds during trials — by having the wheels perform different tasks.

The front wheels in one experiment spun, pushing material backward. The rear wheels,

meanwhile, wiggled from side-to-side, while spinning in a motion that researchers likened to paddling in water.

The rover in one video of a trial seemed to be stuck before it began moving its wheels like legs, as it escaped its predicament.

"This combination of lifting and wheeling and paddling, if used properly, provides the ability to maintain some forward progress even if it is slow," Dan Goldman, physics professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, said in the statement.

The researchers said the next step is to scale up their research to make larger robots.

They said lessons from the study — published Wednesday in the journal Science Robotics — could apply not just to robots in space but vehicles on Earth.

"Through our laboratory experiments, we have shown principles that could lead to improved robustness in planetary exploration — and even in challenging surfaces on our own planet," Goldman said.

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WAR/MILITARY

Afghan political rivals sign power-sharing deal

BY PHILLIP WALTER WELLMAN

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghan President Ashraf Ghani signed a power-sharing deal Sunday with his chief rival Abdullah Abdullah following months of disagreement over who won September's presidential election.

The ongoing feud is seen as one of several reasons for the delay in the country's peace process and some experts worried it risked sparking an all-out civil war.

Ghani will remain president under the agreement, the text of which was released by state media, while Abdullah will head the government's National Reconciliation Council and lead peace talks with the Taliban.

The start of those talks is a key condition for the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan by mid-2021, as outlined in February's U.S.-Taliban deal. Several other factors have delayed the talks, originally slated to begin March 10.

News of Sunday's agreement, which also says Ghani and Abdullah will be allowed to appoint an equal number of cabinet members, was welcomed by the U.S. officials, including special envoy Zalmay Khalilzad.



AFGHAN PRESIDENTIAL PALACE/AP

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, right, and political rival Abdullah Abdullah sign a power-sharing agreement at the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday.

"The U.S. is prepared to partner with the new govt in a peace process that ends the war," Khalilzad wrote on Twitter.

On Friday, Khalilzad said a new start date for the intra-Afghan negotiations was being discussed, despite lingering dis-

agreements over a prisoner release and mounting violence across the country.

In March, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced Washington was withholding \$1 billion in aid to Afghanistan this year and potentially another \$1 billion

next year if Ghani and Abdullah could not work out their problems. That had followed a visit by Pompeo to Kabul during which he was unable to broker a deal between the two men.

Afghanistan's election commission in February declared Ghani the winner of the presidential poll, nearly five months after it was held. However, Abdullah rejected the results — citing fraud and other irregularities — held his own inauguration ceremony the same day as Ghani's and vowed to form a parallel government.

The deepening political crisis led to concerns that the government would be divided and weak going into negotiations with the Taliban over the country's future.

Abdullah also contested the results of the 2009 and 2014 elections. After the 2014 vote, then-U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry helped broker a deal that created the position of chief executive for Abdullah and named Ghani president. The discord highlights the difficulty of the U.S.-led mission in Afghanistan to foster a stable democracy in the country despite nearly two decades of reconstruction efforts.

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Horizon: Pentagon moves show commitment to turn remote base into major hub

FROM FRONT PAGE

been a foreign adversary stalking U.S. targets. But he is the commander of the U.S. Air Force's 18th Aggressor Squadron, which flies "red force" jets against the "blue force" Americans in training missions.

Their playground is the remote Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex (JPARC), a facility that has more than 77,000 square miles of airspace — roughly the size of Nebraska. For decades, it has been used to prepare for real-world missions, with pilots warned to watch out for bears and moose if they must eject.

But the range and its headquarters at Eielson Air Force Base are taking on increasing importance as the Pentagon attempts to pivot to countering China and Russia after years of focusing primarily on ground wars in the fight against terrorism.

The first two of 54 new F-35 jets, the service's most advanced stealth fighters, arrived at Eielson in April, said Col. Benjamin Bishop, who oversees the base. More are expected throughout the year as the Pentagon wrestles with how to prepare for the Chinese J-20, the Russian Su-57 and other modern U.S. adversaries are building.

In addition to the F-35s, which cost some \$80 million each, about \$500 million in upgrades are planned, including dozens of climate-controlled hangars and modern surface-to-air missile simulators designed to challenge pilots flying in radar-evading

jets.

The changes mark a commitment to turning a remote base on the Alaskan frontier into a major hub in preparing pilots for modern aerial combat.

The Alaska range was placed on a back burner for years while the Pentagon fought expensive wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan. A declassified Defense Department inspector general report last year said the simulators at the range date back decades and are unable to effectively challenge pilots training in the F-35 and F-22.

Additional improvements depend on steady funding in coming years — which remains uncertain and could be complicated if the economic crisis brought on by the coronavirus pandemic forces the Defense Department to reduce spending. Air Force officials in the past have debated moving the aggressor squadron at Eielson to consolidate maintenance costs, but the idea was scuttled under fierce opposition from the Alaska congressional delegation.

The plans now include two new fighter jet squadrons on base and double the number of airmen, from about 1,750 to 3,200, said Bishop, the commander of the 354th Fighter Wing. The expansion will come in a rural area where the closest town, North Pole, has a population of 2,200 people and the main attraction is a Santa Claus House gift shop featuring live reindeer and a 50-foot statue of St. Nick.

The so-called fifth-generation



U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Russel Reese, the 354th Operations Group Detachment 4 commander, flies an F-16 Fighting Falcon over the Joint Pacific Alaska Range Complex on April 17.

aircraft moved here will be within a single flight of Eastern Europe, the Korean Peninsula and other potential global hot spots. But the Air Force will also be able to take better advantage of training in JPARC's vast, open skies.

The 10-day exercise is held at JPARC three or four times each year beginning in the spring after the brutal Alaska weather thaws, with additional versions at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. Each Red Flag involves some 1,500 troops and scores of aircraft. The first two exercises in 2020, scheduled in May and June, were canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The training is based on a premise that the service postulated following the Vietnam War: In combat, a pilot's first 10 missions are the deadliest. Red Flag is designed to put them through those 10 flights before the missiles are real.

Air Force generals have long described Red Flag exercises in Alaska and Nevada as complementary, with Eielson offering more airspace and Nellis being closer to other U.S. bases and having more technology to track and challenge pilots.

But as the F-35 becomes the primary U.S. weapon in the sky, the Air Force will attempt to improve technology at JPARC, too, so it has both larger airspace and more-challenging scenarios for pilots in training.

New surface-to-air missile simulators worth some \$87 million are expected to arrive within 12 to 18 months, said Lt. Col. John Anderson, who oversees training at JPARC as commander of the 353rd Combat Training Squadron.

The Air Force is also grappling with how it should incorporate F-35 jets as aggressor planes in future training — something it

can do with an entire squadron like Monaco's, or by having jets temporarily fly in training in an aggressor role.

Last year, the service announced that it planned to transfer 11 older-model F-35s to Nellis to serve as aggressor jets. The planes would help pilots prepare to face fifth-generation jets in the future, assisting in Air Force exercises such as Red Flag and at several other courses held at Nellis.

But lawmakers have raised concerns about that being carried out. A provision in the 2020 defense spending bill prohibits the Air Force from transferring any F-35s for use as aggressor aircraft until the service submits a plan to Congress that considers other locations and the benefits of modernizing other aggressor squadrons, including the one in Alaska.

MILITARY

USO's programs give distraction amid lockdown

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The USO has kept many of its facilities across the Pacific open during the coronavirus pandemic and is finding new ways to reach troops and their families online.

"I think we are busier now than before the pandemic," Yokota USO manager Mardie Marquez-Velasquez said Wednesday. "We can't reach them physically, but we have great teams across the globe of volunteers and staff."

About half of the Pacific's 22 USO centers are still active this year, she said. Many of the ones that closed are in civilian airports.

"We have to wear masks and stay away from people, but we keep our doors open because we provide that sense of normalcy," she said.

The Yokota USO has cut its hours since March, opening at 10 a.m., as usual, but closing at 4 p.m. instead of 10 p.m., and is open only Monday to Friday.

The biggest complaint from Yokota's 138 USO volunteers is

the lack of available shifts, Marquez-Velasquez said.

Despite the shorter hours, the USO is reaching more people than usual after taking most of its programs online, she said.

The Yokota USO's most popular posts are on its Facebook page along with pages managed by USO Japan and USO Pacific, but it also hosts events on the official apps for the USO and Yokota Air Base, she said.

One popular program, "Story Time," involves operations specialist Tempus Terns reading children's books while dressed as a character from the story, she said.

Terns has dressed up as Ariel from "The Little Mermaid," Anna from "Frozen," characters inspired by the movie "Monsters Inc." and is planning costumes inspired by "Toy Story," "Cinderella" and "Finding Dory," Marquez-Velasquez said.

The readings happen every two weeks live at 6 p.m. Friday. Terns hosted an online yoga session May 4 with a "Star Wars" theme. She dressed as Darth



THONER GODBOLD/Stars and Stripes

LaDonna Spivey, a personal trainer and volunteer for the USO at Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo, leads a workout via Facebook Live on Thursday.

Maul and performed poses such as the Ewok stretch, Han Solo with blaster, Death Star, X-Wing and TIE Fighter, Marquez-Velasquez said.

About 100 people have registered for the USO's virtual 5K race that will involve people sending screenshots of their run times to receive prizes, she said.

On Cinco De Mayo Taco Tuesday, 1,400 people tuned into Facebook to watch Terns teach how to cook the perfect taco.

The online engagement compares favorably to the USO's live events. The most popular one at

Yokota last year was a block party attended by 400, Marquez-Velasquez said.

Even as the USO moves programs online there's time for some old-fashioned face-to-face morale boosting. The Yokota USO is a place for troops to relax and includes free Wi-Fi, snacks, computers and a theater screening Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime and HBO.

On Wednesday, USO staff and volunteers carried a birthday cake and balloons to surprise Airman 1st Class David Engle, 22, of Eaton, Ind. He's a cyber transport

systems airman who has been at Yokota, his first duty station, for seven months.

Operation Birthday Cake allows a stateside family member to contact the USO to deliver a cake to a service member.

Engle — who was called back to the office for the surprise — put on a funny hat and glasses to receive his cake as his workmates sang "Happy Birthday."

"I was terrified walking back from the shop," he said. "I thought I was getting fired."

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DODEA schools in Korea will complete school year online

BY DAVE ORNAUER
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Defense Department schools in South Korea will remain closed and instruction will continue online for the rest of the school year due to concerns about the coronavirus, Department of Defense Education Activity-Pacific officials said Friday.

"After much consideration, [U.S. Forces

Korea] and DODEA-Pacific West have jointly decided to finish the 2019-20 school year in the virtual learning environment," Superintendent Jeff Arrington said in a message Friday.

Online instruction will continue for students through June 9, the message said, with school closures starting June 1.

Information regarding the return of school materials, picking up personal

items and end-of-year events and activities will be provided in the coming days.

Though virtual graduation ceremonies are in the works, schools, community partners and base commanders are also working on possible in-person end-of-year activities, the statement continued.

Some DODEA-Pacific schools have been holding parades for graduating seniors, with students populating cars rolling slow-

ly through base neighborhoods, with photo spreads being posted to schools' and individuals' social media pages.

"Please know that safety measures related to preventing the spread of the [coronavirus] will be practiced at all times during any of these optional activities and during closure procedures.

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US soldier, civilian base worker suspected of robbing Okinawa shop



AYA ICHIHASHI/Stars and Stripes

Two mask-wearing perpetrators robbed this currency exchange store across from Camp Foster, Okinawa, on Tuesday.

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
AND AYA ICHIHASHI
Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Two people who live and work at Kadena Air Base are suspected of making off with nearly \$65,000 in the armed robbery of a currency exchange shop on Okinawa.

The business, which isn't far from Camp Foster's front gate, was robbed by two mask-wearing perpetrators at approximately 4 p.m. Tuesday, according to an Okinawa Police spokesman who spoke on a customary condition of anonymity.

One or both of the suspects went behind the shop's counter

while brandishing a knife-like object, threatened an employee and demanded money, the spokesman said. They ran out with \$64,700 in Japanese and U.S. currency. No one was injured.

Kadena's 18th Wing said in a statement Friday evening that "a civilian and an Army soldier" are being looked at in the "ongoing investigation, which is being led by Okinawa Police Station."

On Friday afternoon, local media photographed a uniformed U.S. soldier being escorted into the police station by U.S. military police.

Okinawa Police later said no arrests had been made in the case but declined to comment further.

"The U.S. military on Okinawa works closely with local police on a daily basis and will continue to cooperate in this matter," the 18th Wing statement said. "We take these matters very seriously and will ensure members are held accountable if they are found to be involved in criminal activities."

Those convicted of robbery with threat or assault face between five years and 20 years imprisonment under Japanese criminal law, according to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.

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VIRUS OUTBREAK

Surge of S. Korea arrivals set for quarantine

By KIM GABEL
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CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — With the coronavirus pandemic still going strong, the U.S. military is gearing up to quarantining a surge of troops and other personnel expected to arrive for new assignments this summer.

The Pentagon has banned most military moves through at least June 30 to curtail the spread of the virus, although high-priority troops and other personnel have been allowed to travel under an exception to policy.

So far, the need for quarantine space has been limited to those arrivals, people who may have had contact with infected patients and anybody showing symptoms and waiting for test results.

However, U.S. Forces Korea is preparing for a summertime influx to the peninsula after the ban is lifted, opening the floodgates for regularly scheduled arrivals and a backlog of people who have been in a holding pattern.

Officials have had a lot of practice since South Korea for weeks suffered the largest outbreak outside of China before the virus spread globally.

All travelers to South Korea, including those affiliated with USFK, must be tested and quarantined for 14 days upon arrival.

The Army quarantine system has evolved since the end of January when a few dozen troops who had been to mainland China holed up in a barracks with heating problems to the current iteration equipped with Wi-Fi.

"It's a team-based effort," said Lt. Col. Martin Crighton, a spokesman for the 2nd Infantry Division. "At the beginning of this we had bumps and lumps and bruises, but it took us a few weeks and everything was sorted out and it was pretty streamlined."

What to expect

The Army has the capacity to quarantine 900 people at a time on Camp Humphreys, the main U.S. military base south of Seoul; Camp Casey to the north of the capital; and Army Garrison Daegu in the south, officials said.

The Air Force also runs quarantine facilities at Osan Air Base.

Stars and Stripes took a tour last week of one of the main Army buildings on Camp Humphreys



MATTHEW KEELER/Stars and Stripes

Newcomers must spend two weeks in rooms similar to this model room inside the isolation facility at Camp Humphreys, South Korea.

— a newly constructed, nine-story barracks that was quickly repurposed as a quarantine center for about 300 people.

Occupants enter through one side of the building and exit through the other to avoid cross-contamination.

Newcomers are provided with linens, a trash bag, snacks, bottles of water, toilet paper, disinfectant wipes, hand soap and paper towels.

Hot meals are served three times per day from the military dining facility, and snacks are available. Food can also be ordered for delivery from on-base restaurants, and units may bring care packages.

Travelers should pack towels and toiletries, medication, clothes and other necessities for two weeks.

However, the post exchange and the commissary recently began delivering to the quarantine facilities, officials said.

"It's super helpful for people coming on-pen who maybe didn't bring a shower towel or something like that, or need more socks," said 2nd Lt. Hannah Shiflet of the 630th Clearance Company, 12th Engineers Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.

Each suite has two rooms equipped with twin beds and other

basic furniture as well as a shared kitchenette and bathroom.

People being quarantined may use laundry rooms in buildings that have them, while Army quartermaster units have begun providing laundry capabilities to those that do not, Crighton said.

Unaccompanied service members sharing a suite must take turns entering the common areas, although families may mingle.

Conselors and chaplains also are allowed to make in-person visits for behavioral health needs while wearing protective gear. Occupants also may be escorted outside in a carefully controlled process, Shiflet said, adding that staff is available around the clock if occupants need anything.

Pets may stay with their owners for the time being and will have opportunities to be taken outside, said Sgt. 1st Class Alexander Pagel, also with the 630th Clearance Company.

"We're working on getting the pet situation figured out," he said. "We're also working on getting cribs for any infants."

Learning firsthand

Shiflet's platoon began doing security at the initial quarantine facility in building 577 in late February and has helped develop

the system that exists today.

"We've gotten a lot of experiencing in opening up new buildings," she said. "It's definitely been improving weekly. We make improvements all the time."

Shiflet learned firsthand about being quarantined when she was placed in her own facility last month after being spotted on closed-circuit TV in the same store as a confirmed case during the trace investigation into their whereabouts.

"I was just picking up something real quick before heading over to my shift and I happened to come in contact with someone who later tested positive for COVID-19 in the shopette," she said. "It was really actually very beneficial. I got to see the whole process that the occupants go through."

Shiflet changed some rules after the experience, including allowing occupants to place their trash out for removal at any time instead of waiting for the bag to be full.

"You're stuck in this room and it gets smelly," she said.

Her advice for newcomers is to stick to a schedule. Shiflet said she made her bed every day after waking up, got a lot of work done and caught up with family.

She even managed to run six

miles around the room. Less ambitious occupants get a list of workout tips and may borrow weights and other equipment that is sterilized after each use.

Shiflet said one hard rule is that occupants must stay in their rooms or face the possibility of having to start over.

"Typically, when I tell them that they stay in their room," she said.

Work in progress

The military is working on resolving other issues to accommodate newcomers, including a plan to enable people to start the paperwork and other requirements to join their unit while in quarantine.

"We will experience a large changeover. It'll be mostly people coming from off-pen," Crighton said. "In-processing is a work in progress, but there's absolutely an effort to make as much of that as possible virtual."

Officials declined to provide numbers due to the uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus and the stop-move order.

Some 28,500 service members are stationed in South Korea.

Most troops arrive at Osan Air Base on the government-chartered Patriot Express flight and will be taken to quarantine facilities from there.

USFK and the South Korean government also have agreed that any U.S. military-affiliated individual who lands at Incheon Airport will be transported to Camp Humphreys or Osan Air Base for testing and quarantining.

Some contractors and civilian employees, however, may have to use government-designated facilities depending on availability, said USFK spokesman Col. Lee Peters.

"The on-base facilities are being prioritized for service members and their families," he said.

"USFK service components are currently analyzing data now to make an informed decision for the number of expected USFK-affiliated personnel who will arrive and depart this summer," he added. "As of now, we are assessing contractors will have to quarantine off-base, but this is still under review."

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Two more US service members recover from the virus in South Korea

By KIM GABEL
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — What's the first thing you do after recovering from the coronavirus?

Pfc. Victoria Tolley, stationed at Camp Humphreys, said she had a victory drink at a restaurant on base after she was released Thursday from nearly two months in isolation.

"I went to the bar at Texas Roadhouse, and I enjoyed a Corona in

celebration of defeating it," she said Saturday in a telephone interview.

Tolley, who tested positive on March 26, was one of two U.S. Forces Korea service members declared free of the virus this week by military medical doctors.

The other was a sailor who had tested positive on May 8 after arriving from Japan on a U.S. government-chartered flight known as the Patriot Express, according to USFK.

The sailor will remain on Camp Humphreys to complete in-processing before moving on to his new assignment in the southern city of Busan, the command said Saturday in a statement.

The patients were cleared after showing no symptoms for more than seven days, being fever-free without medication and receiving negative results from two consecutive coronavirus tests at least 24 hours apart,

USFK said.

USFK doesn't usually identify patients due to privacy concerns, but Tolley agreed to be interviewed by Stars and Stripes. The 23-year-old Sitka, Alaska, native plans to return to work at the computer help desk at Eighth Army headquarters on Tuesday.

"I'm extremely grateful to be healed and to be out back into the world," she said.



Tolley

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A medical worker passes a self-administered coronavirus test on a pole to a passenger in a car at a drive-through testing site May 6 in the Woodland Hills section of Los Angeles. The city of Los Angeles is providing free tests to anyone who wants one, regardless of whether they have symptoms.

Los Angeles offers virus tests to all, has thousands of unused kits

By BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — With ample coronavirus tests and not enough sick people seeking them, the mayor of Los Angeles recently did something on a scale no other major U.S. city had done — allow anyone with or without symptoms to be tested as often as they want.

A website to book a test was quickly swamped by residents in the nation's second-largest city and the surrounding county who couldn't get tested under more stringent guidelines and were concerned they were infected or could be asymptomatic carriers unwittingly exposing others.

But despite overbooking to compensate for a third of the people who didn't show up, the city still has thousands of tests that aren't being used each week, according to figures provided to The Associated Press by the mayor's office.

"Wasted tests at a time when

we still have insufficient testing is really unfortunate," said Dr. Eric Topol, head of the Scripps Research Translational Institute, a San Diego-based medical research partnership. "I applaud what they're doing. The more people tested the better."

Mayor Eric Garcetti's vow to not let a test go to waste was the result of a partnership with a startup company that developed an easy-to-administer test that doesn't rely on scarce supplies. But it was a significant departure from stricter state criteria and guidelines to limit tests to those who need them most.

While the virus was initially worse in Northern California, LA County, home to a quarter of the state's nearly 40 million residents, now accounts for more than half the state's deaths and a case count growing more rapidly than other major state counties. A large nursing home popula-

tion, accounting for about half the county's deaths, and densely housed poor people are two main reasons.

When Garcetti opened up testing April 30, the county at large had relaxed some guidelines on who could get a test, with priorities going to the sickest and most vulnerable. It allowed testing some people without symptoms, including health care workers and emergency personnel.

Wider testing could help determine the disease prevalence, though that would require random sampling, said Karin Michels, an epidemiology professor at the University of California, Los Angeles. And testing asymptomatic people comes at the expense of those who can't get a test.

"In a perfect world, you want to test the whole state, you want to test the whole country," Michels said. "We don't have enough test kits for everybody right now."

Blunt: Leaders say there's no guarantee of a quick vaccine to combat virus

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from having a vaccine available to everyone despite the scientific gold rush now on to create such a vaccine.

"We would find ourselves with our social and productive fabric heavily damaged," Conte said.

Italy's economy is forecast to contract 9% this year due to the coronavirus amid a long, strict lockdown.

For his part, Britain's Johnson, who was hospitalized last month with a serious bout of COVID-19, speculated Sunday that a vaccine may not be developed at all, despite the huge global effort to produce one.

"I said we would throw everything we

could at finding a vaccine," Johnson wrote in the Mail on Sunday newspaper. "There remains a very long way to go, and I must be frank that a vaccine might not come to fruition."

Johnson said Britain was taking "baby steps" toward reopening, "trying to do something that has never had to be done before — moving the country out of a full lockdown."

"Despite these efforts, we have to acknowledge we may need to live with this virus for some time to come," Johnson wrote.

The Conservative leader said the U.K. needs to find new ways of controlling the virus, including more testing for people

who have symptoms and tracing the contacts of infected people. One minister said Sunday that 17,200 people had been recruited to be contact tracers.

Coronavirus has infected more than 4.6 million people and killed more than 312,000 worldwide, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University. The U.S. has reported more than 88,000 dead in the pandemic and Europe has seen at least 160,000 deaths.

Churches throughout Greece opened their doors to the faithful after two months Sunday, while limiting the number of congregants and dispensing disinfectants. Turkey allowed people over 65 to leave their homes only for a second time — up to six hours — but kept them under a general lockdown.

Small shops were opening in most of Spain, which on Sunday reported only 87 new deaths, the lowest daily death count since March 16. Restrictions, however, remained tighter in Madrid and Barcelona, the hardest-hit areas.

In Asia, China's commercial hub of Shanghai announced a June 2 restart of classes for younger students amid falling virus cases. People in Thailand streamed Sunday into shopping malls, which have been closed since March.

China's airline regulator reported that flights had returned to 60% of pre-outbreak levels, exceeding 10,000 per day.

Eight more sailors on Roosevelt test positive 2nd time

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight more sailors aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt have tested positive again for the coronavirus, raising to 13 the number who appear to have become infected a second time while serving aboard the sidelined aircraft carrier.

All the sailors had previously tested positive for the virus and had gone through at least two weeks of isolation. Before they were allowed to go back to the ship, all had to test negative twice in a row, with the tests separated by at least a day or two.

On Saturday, a Navy official confirmed eight additional sailors had tested positive again. A day earlier, the Navy had said in a statement that five had tested positive a second time. The Navy official was not authorized to speak publicly and requested

anonymity.

That some crew were testing positive again has puzzled officials and raised questions about re-integrating troops into the military if a second infection were possible.

Also questioned was the accuracy of testing itself. In some cases infection can be at such a low level that it is not detected by the test, which could mean there were no relapses. Also, people could be cleared though their virus levels were too low for detection.

The outbreak aboard the Roosevelt was discovered in March. In port in Guam since then, the ship sent more than 4,000 of its 4,800 crew members ashore for quarantine or isolation. Earlier this month, hundreds of sailors began returning to the ship, in coordinated waves, to prepare to set sail again.



JORDAN GILBERT/U.S. Marine Corps

Hospital corpsmen from the 3rd Medical Battalion at Camp Foster, Okinawa, check a sailor assigned to the USS Theodore Roosevelt at Naval Base Guam on May 7.

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Senators seek Trump's take on emergency powers

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The day he declared the COVID-19 pandemic a national emergency, President Donald Trump made a cryptic offhand remark.

"I have the right to do a lot of things that people don't even know about," he said at the White House.

Trump wasn't just crowing. Dozens of statutory authorities become available to any president when national emergencies are declared. They are rarely used, but Trump last month stunned legal experts and others when he claimed — mistakenly — that he has "total" authority over governors in easing COVID-19 guidelines.

That prompted 10 senators to look into how sweeping Trump believes his emergency powers are.

They have asked to see this administration's Presidential Emergency Action Documents, or PEADs. The little-known, classified documents are essentially planning papers.

The documents don't give a president authority beyond what's in the Constitution. But they outline what powers a president believes the Constitution gives him to deal with national emergencies.

gencies. The senators think the documents would provide them with a window into how this White House interprets presidential emergency powers.

"Somebody needs to look at these things," Sen. Angus King, I-Maine, said in a telephone interview. "This is a case where the president can declare an emergency and then say, 'Because there's an emergency, I can do this, this and this.'"

King, seven Democrats and one Republican sent a letter late last month to acting national intelligence director Richard Grenell asking to be briefed on any existing PEADs. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., wrote a similar letter to Attorney General William Barr and White House counsel Pat Cipollone.

"The concern is that there could be actions taken that would violate individual rights under the Constitution," such as limiting due process, unreasonable search and seizure and holding individuals without cause, King said.

"I'm merely speculating. It may be that we get these documents and there's nothing untoward in their checks and balances and everything is above board and reasonable."

Joshua Geltzer, visiting professor of law at Georgetown University,



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After President Donald Trump declared the pandemic a national emergency, 10 senators have asked to see this administration's Presidential Emergency Action Documents. The documents outline what powers a president believes the Constitution gives him to deal with national emergencies.

said there is a push to take a look at these documents because there is rising distrust for the Trump administration's legal interpretations in a way he hasn't seen in his lifetime.

The most publicized example was Trump's decision last year to declare the security situation along the U.S.-Mexico border a national emergency. That decision allowed him to take up to \$3.6 billion from military construction projects to finance wall construction beyond the miles that lawmakers had been willing to fund. Trump's move skirted the authority of Congress, which by law has the power to spend money in the nation's wallet.

"I worry about other things he might call an emergency," Geltzer said. "I think around the election itself in November — that's where there seems to be a lot of potential for mischief with this president."

The lawmakers made their request just days after Trump made his startling claim on April 13 that he had the authority to force states to reopen for business amid the pandemic.

"When somebody's the president of the United States, the authority is total," Trump said, causing a backlash from some governors and legal experts. Trump later tweeted that while some people say it's the governors, not the president's decision,

"Let it be fully understood that this is incorrect."

Trump later backtracked on his claim of "total" authority and agreed that states have the upper hand in deciding when to end their lockdowns. But it was just the latest from a president who has been stretching existing statutory authorities "to, if not beyond, their breaking point," said Stephen Vladcek, a law professor at the University of Texas.

Questions about Trump's PEADs went unanswered by the Justice Department, National Security Council and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Commission overseeing virus relief struggles with no leader

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seven weeks after Congress unleashed more than \$2 trillion to deal with the coronavirus crisis, an oversight commission intended to keep track of how the money is spent remains without a leader.

Four of the five members of the Congressional Oversight Commission have been appointed, but House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have not agreed on a chair, leaving the commission rudderless as the federal government pumps unprecedented sums into the economy.

Without a leader, the panel's remaining members can still do some oversight work, but cannot hire staff or set up office space. The four members have not met as a group since the economic rescue law was passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump in late March.

"If the commission is not functioning — which it is not — then



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., above, and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., have not yet agreed on a chair for the Congressional Oversight Commission.

there is no oversight" on a huge part of the economic rescue law, said John Coates, a professor of law and economics at Harvard Law School.

So far, "it's a non-oversees, oversight commission," added Karen Wehrle, a visiting professor at American University

Law School. Lawmakers trying to oversee the spending law are surging down the rapids without a raft," she said.

Congress created the panel to watch over \$500 billion in lending to distressed industries backed by the Treasury Department and Federal Reserve. The Fed has

said the money can be leveraged to offer more than \$2 trillion in loans to U.S. companies.

But without a chairman, the panel's activity has been reduced to tweets and letters by individual commissioners and a May 8 statement in which it pledged to publish a required report "soon."

The failure by Pelosi and McConnell to agree on an oversight head is the latest example of a broken Congress, marked by partisanship and polarization. Even as both sides acknowledge the importance of overseeing the sprawling economic rescue law, lawmakers are immobilized by a larger political fight, with no resolution immediately in sight.

"It's disappointing but not surprising" that the oversight panel lacks a leader nearly two months after the emergency law was adopted, said Danielle Brian, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight. "We've all seen how Congress operates," she added, noting it was difficult to see Pelosi and McConnell agreeing on an appointee in the near term, given their level of mutual distrust.

The dispute between the two leaders "far transcends this particular problem," Brian said, but "oversight should not suffer because these two can't agree."

Representatives for Pelosi and McConnell said they had no update on when the oversight position would be filled, although Pelosi has told reporters she and McConnell have been talking "and hopefully we'll have a decision soon." Meanwhile, they have engaged in a high-profile war of words over a next \$2 trillion rescue law pushed by House Democrats.

McConnell called the bill "an 1,800-page liberal wish list," while Pelosi lambasted McConnell and other Republicans who have said they want to hold off on more relief spending. "It's amazing to me how much patience and how much tolerance someone can have for the pain of others," she said. The House approved the bill Friday, setting up negotiations with the White House and Senate Republicans that could go on for weeks.

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Military mystery space plane blasts into orbit again

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The U.S. military's mystery space plane rocketed into orbit again Sunday, this time with an extra load of science experiments.

It's the sixth flight of an X-37B, a solar-powered plane that's flown by remote control without a crew. Officials aren't saying how long the spacecraft will remain in orbit this time or the purpose of the mission.

The previous mission lasted a record two years, with a touchdown shrouded in darkness at NASA's Kennedy Space Center last year.

The winged spacecraft resembles NASA's old shuttles, but is considerably smaller at 29 feet long. The one just launched features an extra compartment for experiments, including several for NASA. The Air Force has two of these reusable space planes.

Since the first flight in 2010, the space planes had logged a combined 2,865 days in orbit as of Sunday. That's seven years and 10 months.

Delayed a day by bad weather, this marks just the second rocket launch for the newly established Space Force. In March, it hoisted a national security satellite.

United Launch Alliance, which provided the Atlas V rocket, dedicated Sunday's launch to the health care workers and others who are working on the front lines of the pandemic.

The company said it followed health advice for the launch. Many of the flight controllers wore masks and were spread out.

The Cape Canaveral Air Force Station has an exceptionally fast turnaround for its next launch.

Before dawn Monday, SpaceX attempted to launch another batch of its Starlink satellites for global internet service.

Obama delivers politically charged commencement speech to graduates

BY JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former President Barack Obama on Saturday criticized U.S. leaders overseeing the nation's response to the coronavirus, telling college graduates in an online commencement address that the pandemic shows many officials "aren't even pretending to be in charge."

Obama spoke on "Show Me Your Walk, HBCU Edition," a two-hour event for students graduating from historically black colleges and universities broadcast on YouTube, Facebook and Twitter. His remarks were unexpectedly political, given the venue, and touched on current events beyond the virus and its social and economic impacts.

"More than anything, this pandemic has fully, finally torn back the curtain on the idea that so many of the folks in charge know what they're doing," Obama said. "A lot them aren't even pretending to be in charge."

As he congratulated the college graduates Saturday and commiserated over the enormous challenges they face given the devastation and economic turmoil the virus has wrought, the former president noted the Febru-



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Former President Barack Obama, shown at a town hall meeting last year in Berlin, Germany, gave an online commencement address to college graduates Saturday.

rary shooting death of Ahmaud Arbery, 25, who was killed while jogging on a residential street in Georgia.

"Let's be honest: A disease like this just spotlights the underlying inequalities and extra burdens that black communities have historically had to deal with in this country," Obama said. "We see it in the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on our communities, just as we see it when a black man

goes for a jog and some folks feel like they can stop and question and shoot him if he doesn't submit to their questioning."

"Injustice like this isn't new," Obama went on to say. "What is new is that so much of your generation has woken up to the fact that the status quo needs fixing, that the old ways of doing things don't work."

"If the world's going to get better, it's going to be up to you," he said.

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Thailand reopens malls as new cases dwindle

By JERRY HARMER
Associated Press

BANGKOK — Thais streamed into shopping malls on Sunday, once again enjoying their air-conditioned oases as the country eased one of the restrictions imposed to fight the coronavirus.

The government allowed malls to reopen after the number of new virus cases in Thailand dwindled to single digits for all but one day over more than two weeks. Malls had been closed since March.

Student Baiphol Chaonuan expressed her relief at returning to a Bangkok mall. "I started to get used to staying home, but to be able to come back out and look around at things is an improvement from staying in," she said.

The mall experience, however, may not be as carefree as it was before the virus, with measures instituted to reduce the danger that malls will become new infection hotspots.

Thermal scanners check temperatures for signs of fever, and each shopper must pass through a disinfectant mist at every entrance. Everyone must wear a mask and keep it on throughout their stay. Crowding on the escalators is also prohibited, as people must keep a two-step distance from those in front of them.

More controversially, shoppers must use their smartphones



Patrons stand in a line to enter the Louis Vuitton shop at the upmarket shopping mall Siam Paragon in Bangkok, Thailand, on Sunday.

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to register electronically when entering and leaving a mall, and when entering and leaving individual stores. If someone later falls ill, this stored data will be used to trace and contact anyone

who may have been in contact with them at the mall.

Contact tracing apps have been adopted in many countries, raising concerns among privacy advocates. But the Thai government

said that the data will be used only for public health purposes.

Lines formed outside luxury brand stores at Bangkok's upmarket Siam Paragon mall Sunday, as staff enforced the new entry

Italy announces plans to ease travel restrictions

By CHICO HARLAN
The Washington Post

ROME — Italy on Saturday moved to significantly unwind coronavirus-related movement restrictions, announcing plans to allow travel across the country as well as to and from abroad beginning June 3.

Such changes would restore many of the freedoms that were in place before Italy became the epicenter for the virus's spread in Europe. Italy is under intense economic pressure to reopen its doors and revive its tourism sector, which normally accounts for 13% of its GDP.

But the country is also gambling that it can contain any new outbreaks that might come with freer travel.

Since early March, the movement of Italians has been severely restricted, as part of one of the most rigid lockdowns in Europe. Under the current restrictions, people in the country are not allowed to leave their region, and leisure travelers are prohibited from coming to Italy. Anybody arriving in the country for urgent business reasons is required to self-isolate for 14 days.

In an evening address, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said that people arriving from other EU states would not be subject to quarantine. "This will create the conditions for tourism recovery," he said.

The continent's external borders are closed to nonessential travelers until at least mid-June — keeping Italy, initially, off the

table as a travel option for Americans. Foreign minister Luigi Di Maio indicated that Italy's eased restrictions would apply to those already in the European Union, writing on Facebook that from June 3, it will be possible "to move within EU states."

Even by loosening the restrictions, Italy will have a hard time fully restoring its summer tourism season. Airlines have dramatically cut back on routes to the country, and many people who had planned trips to Italy have already canceled. Countries with more controlled outbreaks, like Greece and Portugal, are trying to pitch themselves as safe travel destinations for northern Europeans trying to escape to the beach.

Still, Italy is moving fast to ease its restrictions in part because many of its regional governments, worried about the economic toll, have agitated for a more rapid timetable. On May 4, Italy took the first steps to emerge from lockdown, allowing factories and construction projects to resume. The government has since moved up the opening date for restaurants — from early June to May 18. Retail stores and museums will also restart May 18.

"The epidemiological situation in Italy is holding," said Fabrizio Pregliasco, a virologist at the University of Milan, who noted that the last two weeks haven't shown any worrying upticks in the transmission of the virus. "With some caution, it is reasonable to imagine a reopening."

The stringent lockdown Italy imposed for eight weeks succeeded in slowing the pace at which the virus was spreading. The country is discovering roughly 1,000 new coronavirus cases daily, compared with 6,000 at the peak in late March. Only 10% of the country's intensive care beds are occupied by coronavirus patients, compared with more than 50% more than a month ago.

The country is sure to pay a severe economic price because of restrictions necessitated by the virus and because it came to a standstill for so long. Italy's economy is expected to contract this year by more than 9%, its deepest recession in history. Italy's Confindustria business association said that drop in consumption will mainly hit a few sectors — particularly hotels and restaurants.

Relief and worry mark reopening of Bavarian brewery to guests

Associated Press

ALTOETTING, Germany — The Graminger Weissbrauerei brewery, which has been in the same family for a century, is finally preparing to welcome guests back into its restaurant for the first time in two months — with new rules and fears for the future.

Bavaria, one of the last Ger-

man states to start reopening the hospitality sector as the country gradually eases its coronavirus restrictions, is letting restaurants serve guests outside starting Monday and inside a week later. Birgit Detter is one of three sisters who run the business just outside Alteetting, a popular tourist and Catholic pilgrimage site east of Munich, together with their parents.

During the coronavirus lockdown, the Weisse Brauhaus restaurant started offering takeout food and the brewery was able to sell some beer to shops, but "overall it's nowhere near enough," Detter said. The brewery produces 52,800 gallons of beer per year, but is suffering from the restaurant closure and the cancellation of a local festival in June.

It's a relief to reopen the beer garden and then the restaurant for guests, but the new social distancing conditions are "very difficult," she said.

"I am afraid that in the long term it won't work, because the revenue just isn't there — I think the guests will come, but significantly fewer than before," she said.

Among the conditions imposed

by state authorities, tables have to be 5 feet apart — reducing the number of guests — and servers have to wear face masks, a difficult requirement for hours on end in warm weather.

"The danger will be that we have significantly less revenue but need more employees to fulfill all the conditions, and of course it would be difficult then to keep it up for long," Detter said.

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Skin doctors see more cases of 'COVID toes'

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

Skin doctors are suddenly looking at a lot of toes — whether by emailed picture or video visit — as concern grows that for some people, a sign of COVID-19 may pop up in an unusual spot.

Boston dermatologist Esther Freeman expected to see skin complaints as the pandemic unfolded — various kinds of rashes occur when people get very ill from other viruses.

"But I was not anticipating those would be toes," said Freeman of Massachusetts General Hospital, who has viewed via telemedicine more toes in the last several weeks than in her entire career.

They're being called "COVID toes," red, sore and sometimes itchy swellings on toes that look like chilblains, something doctors normally see on the feet and hands of people who've spent a long time outdoors in the cold.

Don't race to the emergency room if toes are the only worry, however, said the American Academy of Dermatology.

Earlier this month, it issued advice that a telemedicine check is the first step for people wondering if they have "COVID toes" and who have no other reason for urgent care. Doctors should then decide if the patient should stay in home isolation or get tested.

The most common coronavirus symptoms are fever, a dry cough and shortness of breath — and some people are contagious despite never experiencing symptoms. But as this bewildering virus continues to spread, less common symptoms are being reported, including loss of smell, vomiting and diarrhea, and increasingly, a variety of skin problems.

In one report, dermatologists evaluated 88 COVID-19 patients

in an Italian hospital and found that 1 in 5 had some sort of skin symptom, mostly red rashes over the trunk. In another, Spanish doctors reported a series of 375 confirmed virus patients with a range of skin complaints, from hives to chickenpox-like lesions to the toe swellings.

Pictures of reddened toes and rashes all over social media and doctor chat groups have "already enabled the rapid recognition of skin signs by dermatologists. It is now time for rigorous science" to understand the link, Dr. Kanade Shinkai of the University of California, San Francisco wrote in a recent JAMA Dermatology editorial.

Boston's Freeman directs an international COVID-19 registry for doctors to report cases of possibly virus-linked skin symptoms. Of 500 reports since late March, about half are chilblain-like spots on the feet, she said.

Chilblains, what doctors call "pernio," are an inflammatory reaction. When pernio-like reactions appear in coronavirus-infected patients is one of many mysteries. For some people, it's the first or even only symptom they notice. Others see the toe problem at the same time or even a few weeks after experiencing more common and serious COVID-19 symptoms.

It's showing up in young people as well, according to Dr. Amy Paller of Northwestern University, who is part of a pediatric dermatology registry also collecting images of patients' toes.

Among the theories: Is it just inflammation triggered by an infection instead of the cold? Is the virus irritating the lining of blood vessels in the skin, or perhaps causing microscopic blood clots?

"The public health message is not to panic," Freeman said, noting that most toe patients she's seen haven't become severely ill.



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has had some churches challenge his stay-at-home order during the pandemic, but a federal judge ruled in his favor this month.

Carrier exposes 180 in Calif. after attending church service

BY ALEX WIGGLESWORTH
Los Angeles Times

After a person who attended an in-person religious service on Mother's Day tested positive for the coronavirus, public health officials in Butte County, Calif., issued a strongly worded warning to residents not to speed too quickly through the reopening process.

The person received a positive test result the day after the service, which had more than 180 attendees, officials said Friday in a news release.

Gatherings of any size remain prohibited, even in counties that are reopening more quickly than the rest of California. But the organization that held the service chose to open its doors despite the rules exposing the entire congregation to the coronavirus, officials said.

"This decision comes at a cost of many hours and a financial burden to respond effectively to slow or stop the spread of COVID-19," the release said, noting that health officials are working to notify all those who attended the

service and instruct them to self-quarantine. The county health department is also working with health care partners to obtain testing for all attendees, officials said.

"At this time, organizations that hold in-person services or gatherings are putting the health and safety of their congregations, the general public and our local ability to open up at great risk," Danette York, county public health director, said in a statement urging residents to follow stay-at-home orders.

"Moving too quickly through the reopening process can cause a major setback and could require us to revert back to more restrictive measures," York said.

Butte County is one of 22 counties that has certified to the state that it meets the conditions for additional businesses to reopen.

The county's public health officer, Andy Miller, announced Saturday that he was resigning effective July 10. The decision was not related to any particular incident or disagreement, the county public health department said in a news release.

Miller's contract was up for renewal in the fall and he wanted to give the health department more time to recruit a replacement, the release said.

"We are prepared to recruit for a health officer who, like Dr. Miller, will lead us as we bring our economy back and keep this virus at bay," Shari McCracken, the county's chief administrative officer, said in a statement.

The vast majority of religious institutions have followed the state's stay-at-home order. But a few churches have challenged it, and held services in some cases.

Earlier this month, a federal judge ruled that California Gov. Gavin Newsom had the right to ban church assemblies in the interest of public health during the coronavirus outbreak.

Newsom's stay-at-home order did not violate the constitutional rights to free assembly and religion when the Cross Culture Christian Center in Lodi was ordered to cease holding services, Judge John Mendez ruled in Sacramento.

Judge says 'Pharma Bro' request delusional, denies prison release

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A judge rejected the request of convicted pharmaceutical executive Martin Shkreli to be let out of prison to research a coronavirus treatment, noting that probation officials viewed that claim as the type of "delusional, self-aggrandizing behavior" that led to his conviction.

U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto said in a nine-page ruling Saturday that the man known as the "Pharma Bro" failed to dem-

onstrate extraordinary and compelling factors that would require his release under home confinement rules designed to move vulnerable inmates out of institutions during the pandemic.

The low-security prison in Allenwood, Pa., where the 37-year-old Shkreli is locked up has reported no cases of coronavirus among inmates and staff, and there's no evidence in his medical files to suggest that a childhood bout with asthma continues to pose a significant health problem,

Matsumoto wrote.

"Disappointed but not unexpected," Shkreli's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman, said.

Shkreli is serving a seven-year prison sentence for a 2017 conviction for lying to investors about the performance of two hedge funds he ran, withdrawing more money from those funds than he was entitled to and defrauding investors in a drug company, Retrophin, by hiding his ownership of some of its stock. A judge ordered Shkreli to forfeit \$7.3 million.

Brafman filed court papers last month asking federal authorities to release him for three months and allow him to live at his fiancée's New York City apartment so that he could do laboratory work "under strict supervision."

In a research proposal posted online, Shkreli wrote that his background "as a successful two-time biopharma entrepreneur, having purchased multiple companies, invented multiple new drug candidates" would make him a valuable asset.

Matsumoto rejected that, relaying concerns of probation officials that Shkreli's claims of being able to develop a cure for the coronavirus which has "so far eluded the best medical and scientific minds in the world working around the clock" is "delusional, self-aggrandizing behavior."

Shkreli first gained notoriety by buying the rights to a drug used to treat an infection that occurs in some AIDS, malaria and cancer patients and raising the price from \$13.50 to \$750 per pill.

NATION

11 Los Angeles firefighters hurt during explosion

By STEPHANIE DAZIO
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An explosion Saturday at a hash oil manufacturer in downtown Los Angeles injured 11 firefighters who had gone inside and on the roof to try to knock down a fire and then had to run for their lives when a ball of flames shot out the building and scorched a fire truck across the street.

Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Erik Scott said "one significant explosion" shook the neighborhood around 6:30 p.m. Firefighters inside had to run through a wall of flames he estimated as 30 feet high and wide, and those on the roof scrambled down a ladder engulfed in fire.

Scott said people at the scene described the explosion as sounding like a freight train or jet engine. Some of the fleeing firefighters were on fire and tore off their protective equipment and left it on the sidewalk, along with melted helmets, Scott said.

"That was one of the worst scenes I've seen," he said.

All 11 firefighters suffered burns ranging from minor to serious. Three were listed in critical condition, and two of them were on ventilators. All were expected to survive.

"The good news is everybody's going to make it," Mayor Eric

Garcetti said at a news conference outside the Los Angeles County-University of Southern California Medical Center where all the injured were treated.

"Things could have been so much worse," said Los Angeles Fire Department Medical Director Dr. Marc Eckstein, who works at the hospital and helped treat the injured.

Firefighters were called to 327 East Boyd St. in the city's Toy District for a report of a fire at a one-story commercial building. There was light to moderate smoke when firefighters entered the building and went on the roof, normal procedures to try to quickly knock down any flames.

Los Angeles Fire Chief Ralph Terrazas said one of the firefighters inside the building thought things didn't seem right — the pressure from the smoke and heat coming from the rear of the building was increasing. He directed everyone to get out, and as they quickly started exiting the building as it was rocked by the explosion.

Firefighters on the roof scrambled down ladders with their protective coats on fire. The wall of flames shot out the building and burned seats inside a fire truck across the street.

More than 200 firefighters rushed to the scene, and dozens of engines, trucks and rescue vehicles clogged the streets. The fire



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Los Angeles Fire Department firefighters work the scene of a structure fire that injured multiple firefighters Saturday in Los Angeles.



Los Angeles firefighters push ambulance cots at the scene of the fire.

spread to several nearby buildings, but firefighters were able to douse it in about an hour.

The injured firefighters were rushed to the hospital. Those

who remained at the scene, unaware of the seriousness of their colleagues' injuries, were traumatized by what had transpired, Terrazas said.

First named storm of the season forms off Fla. coast

Associated Press

MIAMI — Tropical Storm Arthur formed off the coast of Florida on Saturday, making it the sixth straight year for a named storm to develop before the official June 1 start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami issued a tropical storm warning for North Carolina's Outer Banks in its 5 a.m. Sunday advisory. At that time, the storm's center was located about 380 miles south-southwest of Cape Hatteras, N.C. Arthur had top sustained winds of 40 mph and was moving to the north-northeast at 9 mph, slowing slightly from 13 mph.

Forecasts say Arthur will stay well offshore of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina on Sunday and then approach the North Carolina coast on Monday, where it will drop 1-3 inches of rain Sunday night and Monday.

The tropical storm warning was issued for parts of North Carolina's coast, from Surf City to Duck, including Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds.

Dangerous coastal surf conditions and rip currents are expected to spread northward from Florida to the mid-Atlantic states during the next few days.

While there may be a component of warming waters and climate change in other pre-June storms, Arthur is more of a subtropical storm system than a traditional named storm and its water is cooler than what's usually needed for storm formation, said Colorado State University hurricane researcher Phil Klotzbach.

Hundreds rally to demand justice for Ga. shooting victim

By AARON MORRISON
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Justice for Ahmaud Arbery, a black man killed during a pursuit by a white man and his son in Georgia, isn't just prison time for his killers — it's changes in a local justice system that never charged them with a crime, rallygoers said Saturday.

Hundreds of people came to the Glynn County courthouse

demanding accountability for a case in which charges weren't filed until state officials stepped in after a leaked video sparked national outrage.

Arbery, 25, was killed Feb. 23 just outside the port city of Brunswick. Gregory McMichael, 64, told police he and his son, Travis McMichael, 34, pursued Arbery because they believed he was responsible for recent break-ins in the neighborhood.

The McMichaels weren't ar-

rested and charged with murder until May 7, after a video of the shooting was publicly released to a local radio station and less than 48 hours after state agents took over the case.

"Justice for Ahmaud is more than just the arrests of his killers," said John Perry, president of the Brunswick NAACP chapter at the Saturday rally. "Justice is saying that we've got to clean up the house of Glynn County."

Speakers at the rally demanded

the resignation of Jackie Johnson, the district attorney for the Brunswick Judicial Circuit who recused herself from the investigation, and George Barnhill, the Waycross circuit district attorney who took over the case and declined to press charges. Gregory McMichael was an investigator in Johnson's office before retiring last May. Both Johnson and Barnhill have denied wrongdoing.

Organizers of the rally said around 250 vehicles drove more

than four hours from Atlanta for the rally, bringing historically black fraternities and sororities, civil rights organizations and black-led gun rights groups, who said if Arbery had armed himself, he might be alive today.

Attorney Mawuli Davis came from his suburban Atlanta home because he wanted to make it clear how many people are not satisfied with how the Arbery case has been handled.



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Netanyahu swears in new government

BY ARON HELLER
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — After three deadlocked and divisive elections, a year and a half of political paralysis and another three-day delay because of political infighting in his Likud party, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu finally swore in his new government Sunday.

The Knesset, Israel's parliament, passed a vote of confidence in Netanyahu's new administration to end over 500 days of upheaval.

Over the weekend, both Netanyahu and his rival-turned-partner Benny Gantz announced their appointments for the new government — the most bloated in Israeli history with an expected 36 Cabinet ministers and 16 deputies.

Netanyahu and Gantz, a former military chief, announced last month they would be putting their differences aside to join forces to steer the country through the

coronavirus crisis and its severe economic fallout.

Their controversial power-sharing deal calls for Netanyahu to serve as prime minister for the government's first 18 months before being replaced by Gantz for the next 18 months. Their blocs will also have a similar number of ministers and mutual veto power over most major decisions.

Critics have already accused the government of being out of touch by creating so many Cabinet posts at a time when unemployment has soared to 25% as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. But because Netanyahu's bloc includes several smaller parties, he still only has a limited number of Cabinet ministries to hand out to the Likud rank and file.

A mini-insurgency by angry senior Likud members forced Netanyahu to seek a delay in the swearing-in ceremony last Thursday. To mollify his backbenchers, Netanyahu created a series of new ministries with questionable



ALEX KOLOMIENSKY, YEDIOTH AHRONOTH/AP

responsibilities, such as "community development," "settlement affairs" and "higher education and water resources" and a minister to be the liaison between the parliament and the Cabinet.

In his speech to parliament, Netanyahu acknowledged that compromises had to be made but that another election would have been far more devastating.

"The public wants a unity government and this is what the public is getting today," he said. "We chose to serve the country

together."

The main point of contention for critics has been the newly created position of "alternate prime minister."

The post, initially held by Gantz, could allow Netanyahu to remain in office even after the swap and throughout his corruption trial and a potential appeals process. There are also deep suspicions about whether Netanyahu will keep his part of the bargain and ultimately cede the premiership to Gantz.

China responds to US regarding Huawei rules

BEIJING — China's commerce ministry says it will take "all necessary measures" in response to new U.S. restrictions on Chinese tech giant Huawei's ability to use American technology, calling the measures an abuse of state power and a violation of market principles.

It wasn't clear what form China's response would take, but the sides are already deep in conflict over U.S. accusations of copyright theft and unfair trading by firms in China's heavily state-controlled economy.

Most wanted Rwanda fugitive arrested

KIGALI, Rwanda — One of the most wanted fugitives in Rwanda's 1994 genocide was arrested outside Paris, authorities said Saturday.

Felicien Kabuga, who had a \$5 million bounty on his head, had been accused of equipping militias in the genocide that killed more than 800,000 ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus who tried to protect them.

Kabuga is expected to be transferred to the custody of the U.N. mechanism, where he will stand trial.

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Landlord arrested for assaulting tenants

RI WARWICK — A Rhode Island landlord was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct after his tenants accused him of attacking them over past due rent.

The tenants captured the landlord, Frank Marr, on video yelling about evicting them despite Gov. Gina Raimondo's executive order temporarily barring evictions in response to the coronavirus pandemic, WPRI-TV reported.

Tenant Larry Adekeye said Marr entered the home, broke dishes, spat on him and threatened him.

Marr said the video does not capture the whole story and that Adekeye pushed him over and dislocated his shoulder.

Police use helicopter to rescue man bit by snake

AZ PHOENIX — Authorities used a Phoenix Police Department helicopter to rescue a man bitten by a rattlesnake while hiking on South Mountain in the city's mountain preserve.

Fire Capt. Rob McDade said the helicopter was used because the man was near the top of the mountain and because it was imperative to get him to a hospital for treatment as soon as possible.

The man called 911 after being bitten and reported he felt dizzy and light-headed, said McDade, who is also a Fire Department spokesman.

McDade said the Phoenix area is now in a time of year when rattlesnakes are very active and that hikers and others should use caution while on trails and other park areas.

Mannequins aid social distancing at restaurant

VA WASHINGTON — One of the country's most renowned restaurants said mannequins will add a touch of whimsy and help with social distancing when customers return to its dining room this month.

Mannequins dressed in 1940's-style attire were theatrically staged at The Inn at Little Washington, about 90 minutes west of Washington, D.C.

For now, restaurants in Virginia can only serve dine-in customers in an outdoor space. The three-Michelin-star restaurant has opted to wait until May 29 to resume dining service indoors.

"When we needed to solve the problem of social distancing and reducing our restaurant's occupancy by half, the solution seemed obvious — fill it with interestingly dressed dummies," chef and proprietor Patrick O'Connell said. "This would allow plenty of space between real guests and elicit a few smiles and provide some fun photo ops."

Man attacks neighbor with trimmer over grass

IN EVANSVILLE — A southwestern Indiana man allegedly attacked a neighbor



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Drive-in in the driving rain

People watch "Trolls World Tour" in the rain at the Four Brothers Drive In Theatre amid the coronavirus pandemic in Amenia, N.Y.

bore with a weed eater, leaving him with cuts on his back, as the two men feuded over grass clippings left along a roadway, police said.

Vanderburgh County Sheriff's deputies, who were called to the scene in Evansville, arrested Gail Kammerer III, 48, on a preliminary charge of battery with a deadly weapon.

POLICE said Kammerer was using his weed eater to trim along a ditch when a neighbor complained that he was blowing those grass clippings into the street.

Deputies said Kammerer told them he attacked his 57-year-old neighbor with the weed eater after the man intentionally blew clippings onto him with his own riding lawn mower. The neighbor, who was cited for provocation, sustained several lacerations to his back but refused medical treatment.

Senior picks Columbia over 8 Ivy League schools

MA SPRINGFIELD — A Massachusetts high school senior who was accepted to all eight Ivy League colleges has decided to attend Columbia University in New York City.

Roberta Hannah of Springfield

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\$10 from the cash that was sitting on a shelf and refused to put it back. A physical altercation ensued after Scott returned and began arguing with Booker. Scott then shot Booker, who was taken to a hospital but died there a short time later. The shooting is under investigation.

told WWLP-TV that she plans to major in biochemical and African American studies.

Hannah chose Columbia because she was so impressed by the professors in the topics she plans to study. She said she also enjoyed the "vibe" of the campus, located on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Hannah is a senior at Springfield High School of Science and Technology.

Police chief charged with domestic battery

WV RICHWOOD — A West Virginia police chief was charged with domestic battery and suspended from his job, officials said.

A criminal complaint said

The amount of money that sparked a fatal shooting at an Ohio home. Dhameer Haamid Scott, 24, of Middleburg, Ohio, left \$30 for his younger brother at a house shared by his father and the mother of John Booker, 36.

When Booker arrived at the home later that day, he took \$10 from the cash that was sitting on a shelf and refused to put it back. A physical altercation ensued after Scott returned and began arguing with Booker. Scott then shot Booker, who was taken to a hospital but died there a short time later. The shooting is under investigation.

Richwood Police Chief Charles Burkhamer Jr. grabbed and scratched his wife's arm while trying to remove her from a home.

He was charged with a misdemeanor, arraigned and released on a \$2,500 bond the same day, according to court documents.

Richwood Mayor Chris Drennen said Burkhamer was suspended immediately after he was arrested.

Thief drops phone, ID while stealing ATM bag

MO ST. LOUIS — A Missouri man accused of snatching an ATM bag full of cash dropped his cellphone and a wallet containing his identification while fleeing the scene, authorities said.

Courtney McNeal, 38, of St. Louis was being held without bail after being charged with stealing more than \$25,000, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported.

Prosecutors allege McNeal grabbed a satchel containing \$64,100 from two guards who were filling an ATM on April 10. As one of the guards was distracted, McNeal allegedly grabbed the bag as it sat next to the ATM inside. The Crown Food Mart, according to charging documents.

A store employee chased him into an alley where they struggled over the bag. McNeal tossed fistfuls of cash into a car waiting for him and left with \$15,900.

Cause of fire at mosque found to be accidental

MN MINNEAPOLIS — Officials say the cause of a fire at a mosque in Minneapolis is accidental in nature.

Investigators found the cause of the fire was an electrical malfunction, police spokesman John Elder said. A neighbor saw the fire at Tawfiq Islamic Center and called for help. Firefighters kept the fire contained to the entryway with minor damage.

From wire reports

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TNT/AP

Daveed Diggs, left, and Jennifer Connelly star in the TNT sci-fi series "Snowpiercer."

Next up for Diggs: sci-fi

'Snowpiercer' allows 'Hamilton' actor to try beloved genre

By LYNN ELBER

Associated Press

Daveed Diggs was sorting through the many TV offers coming his way a few years ago when, as the Tony Award-winning actor puts it, "there was a lot of 'Hamilton' fairy dust attached to me."

One series that caught his interest was TNT's "Snowpiercer," adapted from the 2013 movie of the same name by Oscar-winning "Parasite" filmmaker Bong Joon Ho. Diggs found the concept richly promising: The last people left on a frozen Earth inhabit a perpetually moving, 1,001-car train that serves as microcosm of society and its divisions.

Diggs has taken on varied projects since his Broadway success in "Hamilton," including the 2018 film "Blindspotting," a dark comedy he cowrote, and Showtime's upcoming "The Good Lord Bird," in which he portrays former slave and activist Frederick Douglass. But "Snowpiercer" hit the sweet spot.

"I'm a sci-fi guy, and it's more in line with the things that I consume, just not really the things that I have been in," Diggs said. He's serious about his love of science fiction, and quickly picks N. K. Jemisin ("The Fifth Season") as his favorite contemporary writer in the genre.

Sci-fi and horror are "really just kind of reflections of what our concerns or fears are for any given generation. If you read them more like that, they become interesting and entertaining," the actor-musician said.

The role he was offered in "Snowpiercer," as the sole surviving homicide detective and a rebel leader for the working-class passengers locked in the back of the train, also gave him the chance to be an action hero. But he still hesitated.

"I was trying to be really careful about saying 'yes' to being a lead on a TV show that was going to take up a lot of my time. If it's a successful show, you're going to be there for years," he said. But he decided that although the setting is a constrained space, "it felt like there was enough different story lines and different characters and enough intrigue.... It felt like a challenge."

The drama series, which also stars Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Connelly ("A Beautiful Mind"), debuted stateside on Sunday. It has already been renewed for a second season, but filming for that was interrupted by the coronavirus-caused production shutdown.

Diggs found that he enjoyed working out the choreography of fights but came away with mixed feelings during tango, recalling a scene in which he had to attack a still performer.

"We had to do it so many times, and there's a real person who is my friend and I'm breaking a bottle over his head repeatedly. It's breakaway glass, but it's not like you don't feel it. Then he has to fall down on the floor and hit his head on it," he said. While Diggs didn't cause any harm, he found delivering a beating took an "interesting toll that I did not foresee."

"I actually much prefer shooting scenes where I get my (butt) kicked," he said.

CW delays season launch

Associated Press

The CW network is pushing the traditional fall start of its new season to January 2021, a response to the industry-wide production shutdown caused by the coronavirus.

Instead of debuting new and returning CW series this fall, the network said May 14 that it plans to air the final episodes of "Supernatural" amid a mix of unscripted and acquired series including "Swamp Thing" from the DC Universe streaming service.

Mark Pedowitz, the network's chairman and CEO, said he anticipated that production could resume by late summer or early fall on the final two episodes of "Supernatural," adding to the five already completed.

Other networks also are dealing with fallout from the production halt forced by the pandemic, with some delaying their fall schedule announcements.

The studios making CW's other series have targeted a September production start to allow for their planned January debuts, Pedowitz said.

"All American," "Black Lightning," "The Flash" and "Riverdale" are among the network's returning series.

The four new series are "Superman & Lois," starring Tyler Hoechlin and Elizabeth Tulloch as working parents Clark Kent, aka Superman, and journalist Lois Lane; "Walker, Texas Ranger" starring Jared Padalecki ("Supernatural"); "Kung Fu," a revamp of the original series with Olivia Liang as the martial arts hero; and "The Republic of Sarah," about a school teacher (Stella Baker) fighting a mining company to save her town.

Besides "Swamp Thing," the fall lineup also will include the Canadian investigative drama "Coroner"; a reimagined fairy tale series, "Olivia Me a Story"; the British comedy "Dead Pixels"; and "Penn & Teller: Fool Us."

'Frozen' musical on Broadway won't reopen

The big-budget musical "Fro-

zen" will not reopen when Broadway theaters restart, marking the first time an established show has been felled by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Disney show opened in March 2018 and placed among the top five Broadway productions for both gross and attendance over both years it ran, often pulling in more than \$1 million, and even \$2 million a week.

Until now, only shows that were waiting to officially open have announced postponements or cancellations. Disney still has the long-running "The Lion King" and "Aladdin" on Broadway and five productions of "Frozen" worldwide.

Citing the "global pandemic," Thomas Schumacher, president and producer of Disney Theatrical Productions, said May 14 that running three Disney shows on Broadway was "untenable."

Caisse Levy, who originated the role of Elsa on Broadway, tweeted that the news was a "heartbreak," adding "We will always be a family. Sending love to all the devoted fans of our beautiful show."

Actors' Equity Association, which represents 51,000 actors and stage managers, reacted with dismay to the news and urged New York and national politicians to rescue the arts sector.

CBS orders third 'Star Trek' series

CBS All Access is bringing back Spock for its third full live action show in the Star Trek universe, ordering a new series set in the years before Capt. James T. Kirk helmed the U.S.S. Enterprise.

"Star Trek: Strange New Worlds" will star Anson Mount as Capt. Christopher Pike, Rebecca Romijn as Number One and Ethan Peck as Science Officer Spock.

It will be the third show in the Alex Kurtzman-pioneered Trekverse after "Star Trek: Discovery" and "Star Trek: Picard." Peck, Mount and Romijn will be reprising their respective roles from Season 2 of "Discovery."

There's also an animated series in the works, "Star Trek: Lower Decks."

Elmo to get his own talk show on HBO Max

By MARK KENNEDY
Associated Press

There was a time not too long ago when Broadway star Ben Platt was interviewed by a monster. A perfectly nice monster, of course. It was Elmo.

Elmo asked Platt what was his favorite music to sing. Cookie Monster interrupted to ask what was Platt's favorite cookie. "Oatmeal chocolate chip," replied Platt in one exchange.

"Good answer," said Cookie Monster. "But, then again, there's no such thing as bad cookie." After a stellar group rendition of the song "C Is for Cookie," Elmo presented his guest with a placemat. "A placemat for Ben Platt," commented Cookie, proud of the rhyme.

This meeting of furry monsters

and human singer is part of a new Sesame Workshop family-friendly talk show on HBO Max called "The Not Too Late Show with Elmo." It begins streaming May 27.

Other guests during the initial 13-week run include Kacey Musgraves, the Jonas Brothers, John Mulaney, Lil Nas X, Miles Brown, Blake Lively, Dan + Shay, Andy Cohen, Hoda Kotb, Josh Groban, Olivia Wilde, Sara Bareilles, Jason Sudeikis, Sofia Carson and Ciara.

The show is the brainchild of Elmo — don't tell him differently — and employs his Muppet friends: Cookie Monster is the sidekick, Rosita is the stage manager, Abby Cadabby is the writer, and various monsters are the directors, riffing on the idea that everyone wants to direct.

"Throughout the 15-minute duration of the episode, Elmo is talking about one specific bedtime ritual, like putting on your pajamas or reading a book or brushing your teeth," said Ben Lehmann, executive producer of "Sesame Street" and "The Not-Too-Late Show."

"Obviously, the whole thing is meant to be playful and a fun family experience so rather than spend a lot of time talking, we spend more time playing games like Hot Potato or Tic-Tac-Toe," he said.

The talk show business may be ruthless, but late night hosts Jimmy Fallon and John Oliver make appearances and help sharpen Elmo's interview skills. Elmo challenges Fallon to a stare contest, which is not entirely fair since Elmo doesn't have eyelids.



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Elmo's new family-friendly talk show called "The Not Too Late Show with Elmo." It streams May 27 on HBO Max.

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OPINION

By JOSHUA GREENBERG
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Paper money is fundamentally dirty. Struggling businesses usually don't mind, but amid COVID-19, some are forgoing cash sales in lieu of contactless smartphones or plastic. If cash is a vector of infection, should we socially distance from it?

Although the World Health Organization has not advised banning paper money, it has stressed the need for handwashing after touching cash, especially before handling food. Some central banks are deploying measures to sterilize paper money with heat or UV light. The Federal Reserve began a seven- to 10-day quarantining of U.S. dollars returning to the country from Europe and Asia several weeks ago.

Even before the pandemic, paper money was not clean. Recent studies show that over 90% of U.S. paper money contains bacterial colonization, mostly from Staph aureus, salmonella and E. coli.

And yet, as the primary symbol of the stability and strength of the American economy, federal reserve notes are contested cultural space and often resistant to change. Think for example of Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin delaying placing Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill. As a result, U.S. paper money has looked much the same for over 50 years, with only a few minor, anti-counterfeiting updates.

But for much of American history, public health epidemics regularly transformed the production and circulation of paper money as the government sought to maintain an efficient and safe economy. The COVID-19 pandemic provides an important opening for officials to once again reassess how the public interacts with its money and update the currency system to meet the demands of the moment.

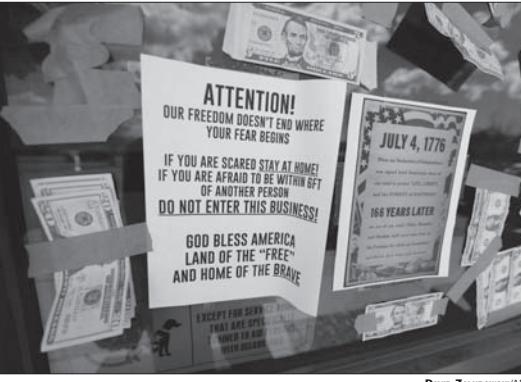
Dirty money is as old as the country, and there is precedent for disease altering its circulation. Constantly short of cash to pay for the Revolution, each of the original 13 states (and Vermont) circulated their own notes in addition to the famously inflationary Continentals issued by Congress. It was not always a smooth process. When smallpox hit New Bern in the spring of 1779, it disrupted the work of printer James Davis, who was fulfilling an order for millions of dollars of North Carolina paper money. With local funds for the Revolutionary War effort running low and fears of infected cash, state officials quickly shifted production of new, clean money 90 miles south to Wilmington.

In the 19th century, as doctors began to probe the transmission of diseases, dirty money became seen as a public health threat.

During a cholera outbreak in 1849, Thomas Buckler, the elist physician at the Baltimore Almshouse, blamed the epidemic on the "circulation of bank notes, of a low denomination." His widely read observations posited that impoverished, urban residents unknowingly spread disease with cheaply produced paper money. Buckler's argument even influenced some legislators, who called for removing small denomination bills from circulation in favor of more hearty metal coins. They used paternalistic language to argue that such a system would maintain the proper balance between safety and economic growth. Merchants could still utilize large denomination notes to conduct their business, while the poor would be protected from dirty, troublesome bank notes.

Most state governments attempted to institute these small-denomination regulations, but they were short-lived due to resistance from consumers over a lack of available coins to make the prohibitions work properly.

Another worry in the antebellum era



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Money is taped to the glass from supporters outside the front door of C&C Coffee and Kitchen on Tuesday in Castle Rock, Colo. The small restaurant was closed Tuesday after owners Sunday defied a public order to not offer dine-in service to customers.

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was for the health of clerks who handled a large amount of bank notes. The death of a bank teller in Columbus, Ohio, and a Boston auction house employee were blamed on smallpox contracted through infected paper money. In 1859, Peterson's Counterfeit Detector warned people who "handle bank notes, not to wet their thumbs while counting the bills," if the "thumb comes in contact with the tongue after handling a note from the pocket of a man infected with the small pox, the infection is as sure to take effect as the inoculation of a child." Unfortunately, the government did little to address the problem. Before the Civil War, state-regulated banks printed their own notes and federal officials played almost no role in regulating paper money.

Concrete steps to clean the paper money supply began in earnest after the Civil War ushered in uniform national paper currency. New federal oversight coincided with an emerging medical consensus about person-to-person transmission of microscopic viruses and bacteria. When a smallpox outbreak hit New York, Philadelphia, Boston and New Orleans between 1865 and 1873, more than 70,000 Americans died and created an urgency for clean paper money. The Treasury Department finally began a redemption program in 1874 that enabled banks to exchange soiled notes for new ones. However, local branches bore responsibility for the program's expense, limiting its effectiveness.

The last major domestic smallpox outbreak occurred around Boston between 1901 and 1903 with over 1,500 people infected and nearly 300 deaths. Doctors and scientists responded with a campaign to ensure a supply of clean money. The Journal of the American Medical Association called for removing "Dirty Money" from circulation. One of the most outspoken voices for vigorous government intervention was New York Academy of Sciences President Abram Cressey "Clean Money" Morrison. His public education campaign on dirty paper money soon paid dividends. By 1905, Treasury's redemption bureau

reported being overwhelmed trying to meet demand for clean bills, but without any plan for new policies.

The government finally acted after a 1908 study cited cases of syphilis and scarlet fever in New York to tainted money. When the Treasury Department's own research confirmed that dirty paper money contained billions of germs per square inch, they launched a "governmental war on germs." The director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Joseph Ralph, submitted his initial plan in 1909 to wash soiled notes in a chemical bath, prolonging their life while offering the public peace of mind about disease.

The plan did not do enough. After an 11-year old girl supposedly contracted smallpox from paper money, the Treasury Department began paying the postage for banks that turned in soiled bills. It was a small change, but one that increased redemption and decreased dirty bills in circulation. This process was included in the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, which designed a new national currency and contained explicit language on how and when to destroy notes that became "unfit for circulation." It took a couple of decades for federal reserve notes (the ones we use today) to supplant other forms of paper money, but the mission to ensure a clean money supply took hold and this is the system we have today.

The history of paper money has shown that in moments of crisis, the Treasury Department has the power and wherewithal to adapt the currency system to balance the nation's economic and health needs.

So what might social distancing from paper money look like? During the debate over the Care Act, a proposal from Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, called for the creation of "digital dollars" for American citizens and residents. This new paperless money would reside in free digital wallets accessible through banks or post offices. In the short term, the digital dollars could be used to speed COVID-19 relief funds to the unbanked or underbanked. But if accepted, it would also radically change the complexion of the nation's money supply, making our transactions less risky to our health, while addressing concerns that eliminating cash entirely would leave many individuals behind.

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OPINION

Constitutional originalism debate just got ugly

By CASS R. SUNSTEIN
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Are most members of the Supreme Court violating their oath of office? Might Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan be committing impeachable offenses?

Did some of history's most celebrated justices — Oliver Wendell Holmes, Louis Brandeis, Robert Jackson, Earl Warren, Thurgood Marshall, William Rehnquist and Sandra Day O'Connor — also act inconsistently with their oath of office?

Some prominent law professors at distinguished institutions are making precisely that argument. It's unpleasant stuff, the academic equivalent of "lock her up!" But like that howl of rage, the new argument is resonating in influential circles. Before long, it will probably enter into public debate.

To understand what's afoot, we need to explore a much-disputed question: How should the Supreme Court interpret the U.S. Constitution?

Many justices think that the founding document contains what Justice Felix Frankfurter called "majestic generalities," phrases like freedom of speech, equal protection, unreasonable searches and seizures, due process of law.

In their view, the text of the Constitution is binding, but its meaning is not frozen in time. Sex discrimination might violate the Constitution now, even if it was constitutional in 1791 (when the Bill of Rights was ratified) or in 1868 (when the 14th Amendment was ratified). Racial segregation might be unconstitutional now even if those who ratified the equal protection clause had no problem with it.

By contrast, some justices, including Clarence Thomas and the late Antonin Scalia, are "originalists." They believe that the Constitution must be interpreted to fit with its "original public meaning" — that is, the meaning that members of the public would have given to it at the time of ratification.

The debates between originalists and



RJ SANGOSTI, THE DENVER POST/AP

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser addresses the U.S. Supreme Court during telephonic oral arguments Wednesday in Denver. He argued that Colorado has the right to have laws requiring presidential electors to vote for the person chosen by voters.

their adversaries have become sophisticated and elaborate.

Both sides deserve respect and a civilized hearing. Recently, however, things have taken a new turn. Some originalists are arguing that judges who disagree with them are violating their oath of office.

It's a serious charge. It's also unfounded.

Here's what the Constitution has to say: "The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution."

Originalists who think that their preferred approach is mandatory point to two words: "this Constitution." If judges do not follow the original public meaning, their

argument goes, they are supporting no constitution, or some other constitution, rather than "this" one.

But that doesn't follow at all. The Constitution does not tell judges to be originalists. It does not contain a provision saying, "The meaning of this Constitution shall be settled by reference to the original understanding."

To buttress the argument, those who believe that the oath of office requires originalism contend that in the late 18th century, most people believed in originalism. In their account, it constituted the "interpretive convention" at the time.

As a matter of history, it's far from clear that that's the case; it was not the conventional view in 1800, or 1810, or 1820 that justices who did not practice originalism were violating their oath of office. But suppose that originalists are right to say that

in the founding period, most people accepted originalism. Would we then conclude that the oath of office requires judges to be originalists?

No. You cannot say that the original understanding is binding because the original understanding was that the original understanding is binding. That would be circular; it would assume the conclusion.

Everyone should agree that the text of the Constitution is binding. It is "this Constitution." Some originalists act as if the text of the Constitution and the original understanding of that text are the same thing. They aren't. The equal protection clause is part of the Constitution. The original understanding of the clause is not.

Like any theory of interpretation, originalism has to be defended on its merits, as the best theory of interpretation — maybe because it limits the discretion of unelected judges, maybe because it preserves the separation of powers, maybe because it promotes clarity and predictability.

But even if the arguments for originalism are convincing, it doesn't follow that judges who reject them are violating their oath of office. It doesn't follow that Holmes and Brandeis, or Roberts and Kagan, are refusing "to support this Constitution."

Because originalism is wildly inconsistent with current constitutional law, you might be inclined to say that it is the originalist judges like Thomas who are violating their oath of office. That's more plausible than accusing judges who reject originalism of doing that — but still, it's wrong and ugly and a horrible thing to say.

There's a larger point here. We live in an era in which political disagreements are increasingly turned into accusations of disloyalty, of heresy, of criminality. It's reasonable to argue about constitutional method and to contend that originalism is terrific or terrible. But it's not reasonable — in fact it is shameful — to allege that justices who embrace it or reject it are violating their oath of office.

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An attempt to exclude conservatives from the legal debate

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The 15-judge Committee on Codes of Conduct of the Judicial Conference of the United States has circulated to all federal judges "for review and comment" a draft opinion that, although seemingly evenhanded, is disturbing and perhaps cynical. To reasonable readers, the draft seems tailored to injure the Federalist Society. Without necessarily imputing to the committee this purpose, the proposed code of behavior for federal judges, if adopted, would have the predictable effect of discouraging membership in the society that has challenged the American Bar Association's preeminence in the nation's legal culture.

Since 1982, when the Federalist Society was born out of a conference at Yale Law School, it has contested liberalism's hegemony in the legal profession. The society's unchanging aim has been to leaven with conservatism — through forums and debates — the student bodies and professorates of the most prestigious law schools, whose graduates clerk for federal judges, and whose law reviews shape the nation's jurisprudential conversation. Now the committee on "codes of conduct" proposes to declare judges' membership in the soci-

ety to be ethically problematic — actually unethical — conduct.

The draft opinion also disapproves of judges' "involvement" with the American Constitution Society, but this is transparently tactical balancing: The ACS is much smaller and less consequential than the Federalist Society it was launched in 2001 to emulate. A Quixote in search of a windmill, the ACS exists for the unheroic task of defending a congenial status quo, liberalism's dominance of the legal culture.

In "The Rise of the Conservative Legal Movement" (2008) Steven M. Teles documents how the Federalist Society burgeoned as part of the "conservative counter-mobilization" against the entrenchment — in elite law schools and firms — of post-New Deal legal liberalism, which still embraces an activist state, and equality rather than liberty as "the central constitutional value."

Entrenchment was deepest at ideologically monochrome law schools where the faculty is tenured and self-reproducing, and in public-interest law firms lavishly backed by the Ford Foundation.

The Federalist Society has been scrupulous about what Teles calls "boundary maintenance": Facilitating members through networking and the development of conservative ideas "rather than directly influencing the actions of government it-

self." The society has taken an "indirect approach to legal change," rather than litigating and lobbying. Only people unfamiliar with the many (and often discordant) flavors of conservative legal thought (originalism, textualism, judicial restraint, judicial engagement, etc.) can believe that the society possesses and enforces an orthodoxy.

The authors of the draft opinion are probably concerned about the perception of the judiciary as drenched in politics. This perception was deepened by liberals' successful mass mobilization in opposition to Ronald Reagan's 1987 nomination of Robert Bork (Yale Law professor and then judge on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals), and by Senate Republicans' shabby refusal in 2016 to give Barack Obama's Supreme Court nominee, Merrick Garland, hearings and a vote.

The draft opinion's real purpose, however, is revealed by its conclusion that judges' involvement with the American Bar Association is not problematic. The opinion's authors are right that judges must have a sense of boundaries: They should avoid involving themselves with organizations that, for example, file amicus briefs to influence courts' deliberations. But the ABA, unlike the Federalist Society, does that.

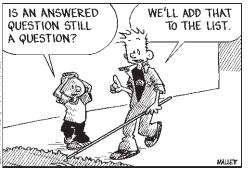
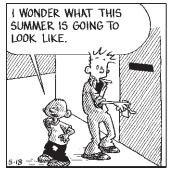
The draft opinion concedes that the ABA

advocates "for particular constituencies, causes, or agendas." Ed Whelan, president of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, calls this "an astounding understatement": The ABA's Washington lobbying office advocates many policies, some unconnected with the practice of law. And it has a Grassroots Action Center that mobilizes support for (mostly liberal) causes. The fact, stressed by the draft opinion, that the ABA has "a separate membership section for judges" is trivial: This is a cosmetic device that indicates an uneasy conscience; it does nothing to dilute judges' association with the ABA's substantial political, and substantially liberal, agenda.

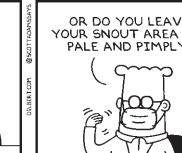
The Federalist Society has always been (according to a founder, Steven Calabresi, a professor at Northwestern University Law School) a "conservative university without walls." Unfortunately, the draft opinion is congruent with practices rampant in lesser universities: It serves those who prefer to injure and exclude rather than debate and refute intellectual adversaries.

Tales says the Federalist Society has always understood this: "Changing legal culture required shaking the self-confidence of liberal lawyers by challenging their perception that they had a monopoly on serious legal thought." The draft opinion reflects the mentality of the shaker.

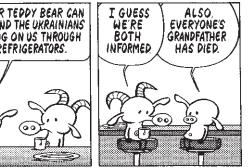
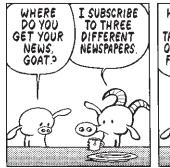
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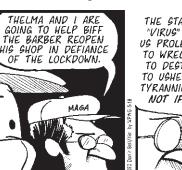
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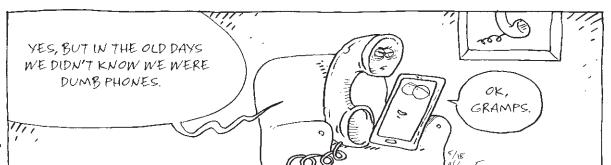
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What now, Brown? Restart may offer a reset for 76ers

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Almost fitting for his seven-year tenure coaching the Philadelphia 76ers, Brett Brown had an injury report: his 16-year-old dog pulled a hamstring on one of their daily walks.

But for the banged-up Sixers' Big Dogs? Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid are coming along just fine from their injuries and should be healthy enough to play if the NBA season resumes — and end a season Brown expected the Sixers to contend for a championship.

"I think this team was built for the playoffs," Brown said Friday.

Browns needs Embiid and Simmons, Philly's All-Star franchise players, to be in shape and try to salvage a season that saw the Sixers fade from Eastern Conference contenders to just sixth in the standings (39-26) when it stopped March 11 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

That made Brown's job status

a hot topic around the NBA and a daily debate in Philly.

Brown led the 76ers from the Process — when the roster was purposefully stripped of real NBA talent to secure better draft picks — to consecutive 50-win seasons. The Sixers labeled themselves championship contenders this season, only to have a roster of mismatched parts, injuries and an abysmal road record (10-24) push them to the brink of a bust.

Brown has had two more to consider what play-or-sit scenario could mean for his future.

"You're human, you think about it all the time," he said. "I wouldn't say you think about it to the point where it weighs you down. But I get it. I've been doing this for a long time. I feel this strongly, as it sits, in my sort of coaching world, this thing is so, for me, incomplete."

The 23-year-old Simmons had missed his eighth straight game and was receiving daily treatment for his nerve issues in his lower back when the season stopped. Embiid was recovering from surgery on his left hand and had just returned after missing five games with a sprained left shoulder at the time of the shutdown. Embiid and Simmons had received permission to rehab at the Sixers practice facility in New Jersey.

Simmons, who averaged 16.7



Brown

points, 7.8 rebounds and 8.2 assists in 54 games, was hurt in a Feb. 22 game at Milwaukee.

"That was as disturbing a memory as it relates to a player that I can think of," Brown said. "He's lying on his back, he's vomiting primarily because of pain. Trying to get him back on the plane and build him back up to some level of health where he can play basketball again and with us ... his health obviously ruled the day."

Brown, whose contract runs through 2021-22, said the opportunity for Simmons to rehab and get cleared to play should the season start was a rare positive during the break. Brown also spoke with Embiid for a bit Friday and found the good-natured center determined to get into top physical shape for a potential training camp. Embiid had missed 21 games this season and Brown counted on the big man to play 38 minutes a game in the postseason.

"He's got a real desire to be at a playing weight that equals his best since he's been in the league," Brown said.

The sting of last season's elimination, when Kawhi Leonard sank the first Game 7-ending buzzer-beater in NBA history to lead Toronto past the 76ers in the East semis, still lingers for the franchise.

"The mission has been, and will be, we need to hunt for a championship," Brown said. "In many ways, I feel like the carpet has been pulled from this team."

He didn't get close to the playoffs in three seasons with the Coyotes before getting traded to the Canadians for Alex Galchenyuk in June 2018. Montreal finished with 96 points last season, but fell short of the East's second wild card.

The 25-year-old has been part of big moments — he played in three straight Memorial Cups

— and distributed the puck, the 5-foot-10, 192-pound forward isn't afraid to throw his weight around, trash talk opponents or go to the

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A man rides in front of an advertisement for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. The head of the World Health Organization said Saturday it will not be easy to make next year's Tokyo Olympics a safe global gathering after the pandemic.

WHO head urges global unity to make Tokyo Games safe

By GRAHAM DUNBAR
Associated Press

GENEVA — The head of the World Health Organization said Saturday it will not be easy to make next year's Tokyo Olympics a safe global gathering after the pandemic.

Speaking at a joint news conference with the IOC, the WHO's director general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for "national unity and global solidarity" to fight the coronavirus outbreak ahead of the Olympics. The Games, postponed this year, should bring athletes from more than 200 countries to Japan.

The Summer Games opening ceremony is now scheduled for July 23, 2021, after the International Olympic Committee and organizers in Japan used WHO advice in March before agreeing a one-year delay.

"We hope Tokyo will be a place where humanity will gather with triumph against COVID," Tedros said at WHO headquarters.

"It is in our hands, but it is not easy. If we do our best, especially with national unity and global solidarity, I think it's possible," he said.

Around 11,000 athletes from more than 200 teams are due to compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

Most would be joined by team officials staying in an athletes village complex of 5,600 apartments at Tokyo Bay.

Health experts, including in Japan, have questioned how the 33-sport Olympics can be run before an effective global vaccine program is in place.

"Nobody can at this moment in time really give you a reliable answer on how the world will look like in July 2021," IOC president Thomas Bach acknowledged.

"It is too early to start speculation on different scenarios and what it may need at the this safe environment for all participants."

Tedros and Bach signed a renewed working agreement between the two organizations, which aims to help promote sport to governments as part of an active and healthy lifestyle.

"The Olympics or athletics or football is not just for the athletes only," Tedros said. "It has to be a culture for everybody and it has to be everybody's responsibility."



Tedros

Games may not be conventional, says Tokyo Olympic CEO

By STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

TOKYO — Almost two months after the Tokyo Olympics were postponed, organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto said Friday he still could not give an estimate of how much the one-year delay will cost.

Figures in the Japanese media have ranged between \$2 billion and \$6 billion, with most mounting expenses likely to be covered by government entities.

Although he was vague about the costs and who will pay, Muto was very clear about one thing in the online news conference.

"The actual games we will have one year from now may not be the same conventional Olympic and Paralympic Games that we have come to know," he said, speaking in Japanese and translated through an interpreter.

Muto floated ideas about cuts everywhere, though the only specific target he mentioned was the torch relay.

"We are looking into every possible area," he said. "It's time for all of us to review what are the essential things for the games. What are the must-have items? ... I think we might come up with a new Olympic and Paralympic Games, something that is unique to Tokyo."

Tokyo's future still has more questions than answers.

How will 11,000 Olympic athletes and 4,400 Paralympians be housed in the Athletes Village? Will the tight quarters be safe? How will they travel to Tokyo? How will they train and qualify? And what about thousands more staff and games officials?

Will there be fans, or will it be a television-only show? What about millions of tickets already sold? Will there be refunds? Will a vaccine be available? Will young, healthy athletes be a priority for a vaccine?

Muto spoke a day after the Switzerland-based International Olympic Committee acknowledged it would have added costs of \$800 million because of the postponement. The IOC said \$150 million would be made available for loans to national Olympic committees and sports federations, some of which have few sources of revenue outside the games.

But the IOC gave no details of where the other \$650 million would go.

Muto said he didn't know, either. Or at least he wasn't saying.

"As to the breakdown of how this money will be used, the IOC has said it's too early to tell," Muto said. "So we at the organizing committee have no idea of all the details about how this money will be spent."

Soaring Olympic costs are sure to be a touchy subject as Japan, like most countries, battles a deep recession brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

Japanese organizers and government bodies are obligated by a Host City Contract signed in 2013 to pick up most of the Olympic costs. When they were awarded the games seven years ago, Tokyo officials said the Olympics would cost just over \$7 billion.

Tokyo now says it is spending \$12.6 billion to organize the games, but a government audit report last year said it was twice that much.

Muto said organizers are still trying to guarantee that 43 venues will be available next year, hoping to keep the same event schedule when the Olympics open on July 23, 2021.



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MLB says \$640K per game loss with no fans

BY RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball told players their prorated salaries would contribute to an average loss of \$640,000 for each game over an 82-game season in empty ballparks, according to a presentation from the commissioner's office to the union that was obtained by Associated Press.

Painting a picture of a \$10 billion industry shuttered by the contagion, the 12-page document titled "Economics of Playing Without Fans in Attendance" and dated May 12 was an initial step in negotiations aimed at starting the delayed season around the Fourth of July.

Teams say the proposed method of salvaging a season delayed by the coronavirus pandemic would still cause a \$4 billion loss and would give major league players 89% of revenue.

They contend they lose more money with

each additional game played. The players' union, however, believes clubs would lose less money with more games. In addition, many teams and/or their owners have stakes in their regional sports network that would benefit from additional games.

Owners voted Monday to propose salaries be based on a 50-50 split of revenue, a framework players say is tantamount to the kind of salary cap they will never accept. Teams gave the players' association their virus-testing plan Friday and have waited to make their economic proposal.

The New York Yankees alone would have \$312 million in local losses when calculating their earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. New York's figure includes about \$100 million toward the bonds that financed new Yankee Stadium, money that already has been paid for 2020.

The Los Angeles Dodgers were at \$232 million in local losses, followed by the New

York Mets at \$214 million.

Detroit would have the lowest negative EBITDA — an accounting measure used to assess profitability — at \$84 million, with Baltimore at \$90 million, and Pittsburgh and Tampa Bay at \$91 million each. Figures exclude distributions from the central office, which projects to collect \$1.34 billion in media revenue.

The figures were calculated by MLB and its clubs, and the frequently skeptical union already has requested a slew of documents from MLB.

MLB said 2019 revenue was 39% local gate and other in-park sources, followed by 25% central revenue, 22% local media, 11% sponsorship and 4% other.

Teams fear a second wave of the coronavirus would devastate finances if renewed government restrictions cause cancellation of the postseason, which brings in \$787 million in media money.

MLB and the union agreed to a March 26

deal in which players would get a prorated share of their salaries during a shortened season. As part of the agreement, \$170 million in salaries are being advanced through May 24. If the season is scrapped, players are guaranteed service time equal to what they accrued in 2019, a key to gaining eligibility for salary arbitration and free agency.

Now that plans have been formulated to possibly start the season in early July in disinfected stadiums with no gate revenue, at least at the start, MLB says the current economics are not feasible. Players have said they already made a deal and see no need for change.

But that deal is contingent on playing in front of fans at regular-season ballparks. The agreement committed both sides to "discuss in good faith the economic feasibility of playing games in the absence of spectators or at appropriate neutral sites."

New: Significant changes ahead when MLB returns

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Restaurants are off limits on the road, including the ones in hotels, as are hotel fitness centers.

"We emphasize that this is a first draft, and will undergo several rounds of changes as we collect comments and suggestions from the clubs, the players' association, players, and government officials," deputy commissioner Dan Halem wrote in an email to owners, team presidents and CEOs, and general managers that accompanied the protocols.

"The document is designed to set minimum standards and identify best practices, but we have attempted to provide clubs with enough flexibility to achieve the desired health and safety objectives in a manner that is tailored to their particular circumstances, including ballpark configurations, location, and the needs of any local governmental regulations or restrictions," Halem wrote.

Scoreboard video is prohibited but music allowed. While there won't be fans, at least not at the start, it will provide a familiar background audio for the telecasts critical to MLB's bottom line.

A ball will be thrown away after it is touched by multiple players, and throwing the ball around the infield will be discouraged. Personnel who rub baseballs with mud for the umpires must use gloves.

"Individuals must avoid any physical interactions (such as high-fives, fist bumps, or hugs) while at club facilities," the manual says.

Tier 1 people in the plan include players, managers and coaches plus two each from among physicians, athletics trainers and bullpen catchers plus one strength and conditioning coach.

Tier 2 includes clubhouse staff, additional coaches, medical and training staff, traveling staff, owners, front office, translators, communications staff, video personnel, the head groundskeeper and secu-

rity plus players' union and MLB staff along with contractors.

Tier 3 covers broadcast personnel and other event services.

Players must wear masks while in restricted areas "except while on the field or engaging in other strenuous activities" and lockers must have at least 6 feet between them. If needed, temporary clubhouse space will be added, preferably outdoors or areas with better ventilation.

"Showering in club facilities should be discouraged," the plan says. "To the extent showering occurs, clubs should explore modifications to facilities to allow for physical distancing and hygiene" such as installing partitions and limiting the number of players using the showers at the same time.

Teams "should consider requiring (on-field staff) to arrive at club facilities dressed for the day's activities in order to limit time spent in the clubhouse or locker room." Only medical personnel allowed near injured players.

There will be staggered reporting dates for the resumption of spring training. When pitchers and catchers arrive, only five players may work out at a time. Then come full-team workouts, with small groups encouraged but not required, followed by exhibition games. There will be intake screening upon arrival, followed a self-quarantine for 24-48 hours until results are available. Players not assigned to a big league team when the season starts will remain at spring training or another separate facility.

All games at spring training facilities in Florida and Arizona, whether exhibitions or regular season, must be scheduled for 7:90 p.m. local time unless MLB gives specific consent.

A fifth umpire would be allowed when the temperature reaches a certain level, allowing for rotation, including sharing of plate umpires duties. Teams should take batting



Louis DeLuca/AP

Texas Rangers third baseman Isiah Kiner-Falefa spits during a game last season. Already banned on sidewalks, outlawed indoors and pooh-poohed by polite society, that gob of saliva and lord-knows-what-else is done mucking up sports. In the wake of the coronavirus, teams are revoking the germ-lending privileges that turned dugouts, benches, revolving rings and grass fields into potential biohazard sites.

practice on back fields.

Among the road trip changes:

- Use of Uber, subways and public buses is banned.

- Private airports encouraged and if not available, teams are to use private aviation facilities to board and exit.

- Transportation Security Administration screens should take place at ballparks if it can be arranged.

- In-flight catering is limited.

- Lower floors are to be used if possible at hotels, so stairs can be used instead of elevators, and private areas arranged for entrances, exits and check-in.

- Six staggered bus trips will be scheduled to and from the ballpark.

Team staff, including players, will be given thermometers for self screening and are to take two tests in quick succession each morning.

At the ballpark, people will be given temperature checks twice a day and multiple fluid swabs each week. Comprehensive Drug Testing will collect samples and Sports Medicine Research and Testing

Laboratory in Salt Lake City is to provide results within 24 hours.

Family members of players, spouses and the households of anyone covered under the plan will be offered access to testing and PPE. The individuals are encouraged to avoid crowds when away from ballpark.

Anyone with a temperature of 100 or higher or who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has come in contact with someone confirmed to be infected will be subject to rapid testing at a nearby site. A person cannot rejoin the team until testing negative twice in tests taken at least 24 hours apart. The person also must not exhibit symptoms or COVID-19, and the team physician and MLB medical staff must determine the person is not at risk.

If an individual is exposed to a person with an infection, that person must show no signs of disease, be tested daily for at least seven consecutive days and undergo more frequent temperature checks. The person also must wear a mask at all times except while on the field.

Preakness to run Oct. 3, one month after Derby

The 145th Preakness Stakes has been rescheduled for Oct. 3, an announcement delivered Saturday less than hour before the original post time for the Triple Crown race.

Traditionally held at Pimlico Race Course on the third Saturday in May, the Preakness was postponed April 3 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The weather Saturday turned out to be ideal — slightly breezy with temperatures around 80 degrees — but there were no patrons in the Pimlico grandstand or infield, and no horses in the starting gate for the scheduled 6:45 p.m. race.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan disclosed the new date for the Preakness on NBC, which also had a hand in the decision because it televises the race.

"Under normal circumstances, I would be standing at Pimlico ... presenting the Woodlawn Trophy to the winner of the 145th Preakness Stakes," Hogan said. "But as we all know these are not ordinary circumstances. However, I am proud to make this announcement on behalf of the state, the Maryland Jockey Club and Maryland's historic racing industry that Preakness 145 will be held at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore, Maryland, on Oct. 3."

McCaskey, Bears' leader who followed Halas, died

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Michael McCaskey, who led the Chicago Bears for nearly three decades following the death of his grandfather George Halas, died Saturday after a lengthy battle with cancer, the team said. He was 76. A Yale graduate and the oldest of Ed and team matriarch Virginia McCaskey's 11 children, Michael joined the family business in 1983 as president and CEO following the death of Halas, a founding father of the NFL and the franchise. He succeeded Ed McCaskey as chairman in 1999 and remained in that role until brother George McCaskey took over in 2011.

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SASCHA SCHUERMANN, AGENCIE FRANCE PRESSE/AP

Soccer balls are disinfected during the Bundesliga soccer match between Duesseldorf and Paderborn in the Merkur Spiel-Arena in Duesseldorf, Germany on Saturday. The German Bundesliga is the first major soccer league to resume after a two-month suspension because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Silently celebrating soccer, Bundesliga returns to play

By CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

BERLIN — Erling Haaland scored the Bundesliga's first goal in more than two months and then celebrated.

Alone.

The 19-year-old's Borussia Dortmund teammates stayed away, mindful of the strict hygiene measures amid the coronavirus pandemic, as Germany's soccer season resumed in unprecedented conditions on Saturday.

Dortmund beat Schalke 4-0 in the first Ruhr derby to be played in an empty stadium. Shouts from coaching staff and players, and the thud of the sanitized ball being kicked, reverberated around mainly deserted stands.

Players had been warned to keep their emotions in check, and to desist from spitting, hand-

shakes and hugging with the games keenly watched by the rest of the soccer world hoping to restart their own leagues.

Team staff, and players who didn't start, wore masks. Substitutes took their positions in the stands, rather than beside the field, while balls and seats were disinfected.

Haaland celebrated his 10th goal in nine Bundesliga games with a restrained dance as his teammates stayed back.

"It's hard," midfielder Julian Brandt said. "But that's the way it is now. We try to stick to the rules."

Brandt set up Raphael Guerreiro before the break and Thorgan Hazard, after it. Hazard celebrated alone in front of the Westfalenstadion's south terrace.

"It felt strange, also for the players. You could see that with

the celebrations," Dortmund team coordinator Sebastian Kehl said.

Haaland set up Guerreiro to seal the result as Dortmund cut the gap on leader Bayern Munich to a point. Bayern is due to play at Union Berlin on Sunday.

Schalke became the first team to make five substitutions in a Bundesliga game in a new temporary measure allowed in the league, but they couldn't change the outcome. Dortmund's players celebrated in front of the empty south terrace afterward.

"To applaud all our fans who were watching on TV," Kehl said.

Pre-game television interviews were conducted with long poles holding microphones and participants keeping their distance.

"It's quite surreal," Dortmund chief executive Hans Joachim Watzke told Sky TV.

Harris stopped in emotional return

UFC heavyweight starts strong in first bout since death of his stepdaughter but loses to Overeem

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Walt Harris pointed to the sky and proudly showed off a "Fighting for Aniah" T-shirt as he entered the arena. He left a few minutes later with tears in his eyes, hardly the result he wanted in his first UFC fight since the death of his stepdaughter.

Alistair Overeem stopped Harris in the second round of UFC's Fight Night main event Saturday, ending what was an emotional return for the heavyweight fighter known as The Big Ticket.

Harris was a slight favorite and the sentimental choice as he stepped into the octagon for the first time since his 19-year-old daughter, Aniah Blanchard, was killed in Alabama.

Harris (13-8) looked as though he would notch his 14th career knockout when he dropped Overeem in the opening round. But the veteran regrouped on the eve of his 40th birthday and dominated the rest of the way. Overeem (46-18) sent Harris to the mat for the final time with an unblocked combination early in the second.

Harris never recovered, and the referee called it after a bevy of unanswered shots to the head. Overeem shared a moment with Harris on the mat.

Harris thanked the UFC, his team and his community while fighting back tears.

"I'm sorry I didn't get the W for you tonight," Harris said. "You've been like my family through everything, and I'm so grateful.... Y'all at home watching, I'm sorry. I'll be back better, I promise you. You haven't seen the last of The Big Ticket. I'm going to go home, recover. I'm going to heal emotionally and physically, and I promise you I'll be better."

Overeem said he offered to train with Harris down the road, hoping it could make both of them better in a stacked division.

"Of course, Walt has been through personal tragedy, which is awful," Overeem said. "But I see it as a sport. It's a game, right? It's a way of making a living.... I just see it as professional, nothing personal."

Harris' wife encouraged him to return to the octagon after more than six months of grieving.

Blanchard, a student at Alabama, was last seen on October

23 in Auburn, Ala. Her SUV was found abandoned days later in Montgomery. Police said her blood was found in the car. Her remains were discovered in a wooded area in late November.

Ibrahem Yazeed, 29, was charged with capital murder. The medical examiner determined Blanchard died from a gunshot wound. Prosecutors have indicated they will seek the death penalty if Yazeed is convicted.

The UFC will take the next two weeks off before fighting May 30. It hopes to return to Las Vegas, but needs clearance from the Nevada Athletic Commission. If not, White said it will be in Arizona.

Other fights on the main card:

- Claudia Gadelha (18-4) held off Angela Hill (12-8) in the strawweight division and won a split decision. Hill controlled the pace, making it more of a sparring bout than a grappling game, but Gadelha got the nod on two of the three scorecards.

- Dan Ige (14-2) edged Edson Barboza (20-9) in another split decision. Ige's sixth straight victory came in the featherweight division. Barboza cut 10 pounds to move down a weight class.

- Krzysztof Jotko (22-4) beat former Alabama linebacker Eryk Anders (13-5) in a middleweight bout. Jotko did a breakdown in the middle of the octagon after his third consecutive victory.

- Yangodong withstood Marion Vera's last push in the opening fight of the main card and won a unanimous decision in the featherweight division. Vera (17-6-1) refused to shake hands with Song (5-0-1) after the result.

On the undercard:

- Miquel Baeza (9-0) notched his seventh knockout in nine fights to remain unbeaten in the welterweight division. He took down 39-year-old Matt Brown (22-17) early in the second round.

- Kevin Holland (17-5) secured a 39-second knockout against Anthony Hernandez (7-2) in the middleweight division.

- Giga Chikadze made the most of his size advantage to beat Irwin Rivera in a unanimous flyweight decision.

- Cortney Casey finished Mara Borrello with an armbar in the first round, Casey's first submission since 2016 and her first fight in 15 months.

- Rodrigo Nascimento (8-0) won his UFC debut and remained undefeated in his MMA career with his sixth submission, this one against fellow heavyweight Don'Tale Mayes.

Spanish league approves group training

By TALES AZZONI
Associated Press

MADRID — All Spanish league clubs can begin group training sessions this week despite stricter lockdown restrictions remaining in place in parts of Spain because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Cities like Madrid and Barcelona have not been allowed to loosen confinement measures like most of the country, but teams such as Real Madrid and Barcelona have been given the go-ahead to move into the second phase of training.

The league has told clubs that on Monday all players can start small group sessions regardless of the lockdown phase in their regions. Players had only been allowed to train individually across Spain until now.

The Spanish government has been gradually easing lockdown restrictions that had been in place since mid-March because of the pandemic, with different levels of clearances from region to region. Teams in Madrid and Barcelona theoretically would

not be allowed to start training in groups if the government hadn't created exceptions.

Teams in regions with tighter restrictions will be allowed to practice with 10 players in the same session, while clubs in areas with fewer restrictions can use up to 14 players. Teams in the latter regions also can make greater use of their facilities, reaching up to 50% of their capacity. The rest of the clubs can only use up to 30% of the facilities.

Group meetings between players and the coaching staff are also now allowed in some regions if distancing guidelines remain in place, and referees are now being allowed to train in sports facilities.

The next training phase will allow for clubs to start full squad sessions.

Clubs and players have been asked to follow strict health safety guidelines during training. Players, club employees and everyone else involved in the training sessions have to be tested daily for COVID-19. Five players from teams in the first and second divisions tested positive before the individual practice sessions resumed.

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NEW RULES

Spitting banned, showers discouraged as MLB negotiates return

BY RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

negotiation with the players' association.

Teams will be allowed to have 50 players each under the plan, with the number active for each game still to be negotiated.

Spitting is prohibited along with water jugs and the use of saunas, steam rooms, pools and cryotherapy chambers. Hitting in indoor cages is discouraged, batting gloves encouraged.

Batting practice pitchers are to wear masks, dugout telephones disinfected after each use. Players may not touch their face to give signs, and they're not allowed to lick their fingers. Teams are encouraged to hold meetings outdoors, players spread apart.

Teams were asked to respond with their suggested input by May 22. The protocols were written by MLB senior vice presidents Patrick Houlahan, Bryan Seeley and Chris Young, and vice president Jon Coyle. Young is a former pitcher who retired

after the 2017 season.

Protocols include details on testing for team staff, who are divided into three tiers. All others may not enter clubhouses, dugouts and the field.

Seats in the empty stands near the dugout should be used to maintain distance, according to diagrams in the manual, and the next day's starting pitcher can't sit in the dugout. Everyone must keep their distance during "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

Fielders are "encouraged to retreat several steps away from the baserunner" between pitches. First and third base coaches are not to approach baserunners or umpires, and players should not socialize with opponents.

Managers and coaches must wear masks while in the dugouts. The entire traveling party — including players — must wear personal protective equipment while on buses and flights.

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Major League Baseball will look somewhat like high school ball this year under protocols to deal with the new coronavirus, with showers at ballparks discouraged and players possibly arriving in uniform, like they did when they were teenagers.

Team personnel will be banned from eating at restaurants on road trips.

Even the Phillie Phantastic and Mr. Met will be missing, banned from the field along with all other team mascots.

The traditional exchange of lineup cards would be eliminated, along with high-fives, fist bumps, and bat boys and girls, according to a 67-page draft of Major League Baseball's proposed 2020 Operations Manual. A copy was sent to teams Friday and obtained by The Associated Press. The guidelines, first reported by The Athletic, are subject to



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